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Throckmorton Wins First Place In Cage Tourney

Throckmorton easily carried off first honors in the basketball tournament held here last week, and from the start it was only a question of who would be runner-up, as the rest of the teams entered were clearly out-classed by Throckmorton.

Hamlin won the position of runner-up and Roby took the consolation prize.

Throckmorton placed three on the all-tournament team—Halbert, center; Putman, guard, and Denham, forward. Hamlin's Jack Owens, guard, and Anson's Bridges, were the other two members of the team. Silver basketballs were presented to the five men.

The VFW quintet beat an all-star outside team following the tournament by a score of 53 to 39, and the game furnished many thrills for the onlookers, as the bars were down and most anything was legal.

VFW is scheduled to play the Jaycees at Roby on December 26, and will play here December 29, but an opponent for the latter game has not yet been chosen.

Striplin Completes Mechanics Course

Pfc. William A. Striplin, husband of Mrs. Leota Fannin Striplin of Hamlin has graduated from one of the world's greatest educational programs—one of the Air Training Command's airplane mechanics training courses at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Hamlin friends were informed this week.

His training at the school covered basic airplane and engine mechanic operations. The technical course extended over a period of approximately 16 weeks and included instruction in aircraft electrical systems, engine operation, fuel and oil systems, propellers, structures, instruments and basic inspection. All of this qualified him for additional specialized training in the maintenance of heavy bombers, cargo planes, jet and rotor aircraft.

Texas Cotton Yield Estimate Is Increased

A release to The Herald this week from the government agricultural stations estimated the Texas cotton crop will reach 3,360,000 bales ofounds gross weight. This December estimate is 110,000 bales more than that of November 1.

The predicted yield of 195 pounds per harvested acre is 27 pounds above the 1936-45 average and only two pounds under the near record yield of 197 pounds per acre harvested in 1947. Scurry County's per acre yield is about the average.

Virtually all of the increase over last month's indicated production is accounted for in the High Plains counties of the northwest.

Every luminary in the constellation of human greatness, like the stars, comes out of the darkness to shine with the reflected glory of God.—Mary Baker Eddy.

I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers.—Kahlil Gibran.

TO HERALD READERS

Another Christmas... soon another year. May the spirit of Christmas make each of us better men and women in the year to come! May the New Year spare us suffering beyond our strength, and may it bring joy to your home!

The Hamlin Herald and its staff extends the season's greetings to all its readers, thanks to the business interests of Hamlin for the liberal patronage accorded it in this issue, and other issues throughout the past year.

To all... a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Gasoline Up Two Cents at Hamlin Service Stations

Gasoline prices went up two cents per gallon in Hamlin Saturday.

Three companies Friday announced increased tank wagon prices, following the recent 50-cent-per-barrel hike in crude prices.

The Texas Company and Continental Oil Company gasoline cost per gallon will be 1-1/2 cents more for all grades according to local agents for the companies.

Gulf Refining Company prices, effective at 7 a. m. Saturday, will be 1-1/2 cents more for regular and premium gasoline, and two cents more for third grade.

Service station operators handling the companies' products reported generally that their prices had been raised the same amount. This made regular gasoline 24 cents per gallon and ethyl gasoline 26 cents.

Lubricating oil also advanced five cents per quart in the Saturday advance.

Texas Plumbers Must Secure State License Prior to January 5

Plumbers of Hamlin and the rest of Texas who do not secure state licenses before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas license law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the act, but will also be required to take an examination. C. E. Belk, administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board warned at Austin this week.

The law, passed by the last Legislature provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications postmarked on or before January 5 will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new licenses would require an examination. State licenses now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

A majority of Texas cities have already amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the state law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected will complete conformance procedures by not later than January 5.

Jones County HDC Stages Christmas Party Dec. 16

Jones County Home Demonstration Club women met at the Veterans Building in Anson December 16 at 2:00 o'clock for the annual Home Demonstration Christmas party. The building was beautifully decorated by the New Hope HD Club and the Blue Bonnet Club provided the Babe in the Manger scene.

Program entitled, "The First Christmas" was planned by Mrs. Karl Banneaux of the Goodman Club. As Mrs. Charley Myatt read the story of the birth of Christ, it was acted out by different club members. Mrs. Dewey Ramsey acted as Mary, Mrs. Clyde Chancey as Joseph, and Nellie Huddleston, 4-H Club girl acted as the guiding angel. Carpenters Gap was responsible for the singing. Avoca and Willow Creek Clubs had Christmas poems. Union Club acted as shepherds. Goodman Club acted as the wise men.

After the Story of Christmas, Mrs. C. E. Carlton said the poem "The Night Before Christmas". Just as she finished the reading, "Jingle Bells" could be heard in the distance and soon Santa appeared and gave gifts to the crowd.

Tuxedo Club had charge of refreshments which were served after everyone looked at the gifts from Santa.

A total of 11 of the 12 clubs in the county were represented with an attendance of 73.

Tasty Cranberry Relish Ideal for Christmas Dinner

Cranberries are in season now and good on the menu any time, especially for Christmas dinner, but have you tried them chopped raw with oranges? Here's a quick and easy way to get a tasty relish:

All that you need to do is wash four cups of cranberries, run them through the food chopper with two oranges—skin, too—that have been quartered and seeded. Then mix well with enough sugar to suit your taste. It will probably take about two cups of sugar for this amount of cranberries. Chill the mixture a few hours before you're ready to serve. You'll have about a quart of the relish.

Another good thing about this

Republican Plan for Voluntary Idea Of Price Decreases Passed by House

Hamlin area people will be interested to learn that the Republican plan for voluntary action to bring down the high cost of living was passed by the House, 281 to 73 Friday and sent to President Truman, who had asked in vain for power to impose compulsory controls.

Officials close to the White House predicted Friday night that the president would sign the bill, but at the same time would issue a statement criticizing it. He already has taken the position that it is inadequate and amounts to passing the inflation buck to him.

It provides for self-disciplinary agreements in industry, business and agriculture with a view to combating inflation. If the president approved the agreements, those entering them would be protected from anti-trust action.

The president had asked for standby power to impose controls on prices and wages and return to rationing in selected areas of the economy.

On the final House vote, 178 Republicans were joined by 102 Demo-

N.F.L.A. Stockholders Reelect Buie-Upshaw As New Directors

At the annual meeting of the Stockholder-members of The Jones County National Farm Loan Association's offices in Anson, on Wednesday morning, December 17, 1947, the stockholders reelected R. B. Buie and C. F. Upshaw, both of Stamford, as directors to serve the association for three year terms.

The annual report of the secretary-treasurer of the association reflected that the organization is in excellent financial condition, there being no delinquent loans in the Association at this time. During the past year the association paid two 5% dividends to its stockholder-members, making their average interest on Federal Land Bank loans cost only 3.42%. Joe Breed, who serves the association as secretary-treasurer, pointed out that this is the lowest cost for real estate loans in the history of the Land Bank system.

Following the annual stockholders' meeting, the directors of the association met and set up its organization for 1948. D. W. Crumpler of Anson was reelected president. Other officers are Joe L. Culbertson, vice-president; Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Maude Pittman, assistant secretary-treasurer. R. B. Buie, C. F. Upshaw and L. H. McBride are the other directors of the association.

Record Sales Enjoyed By Hamlin Concerns

Record sales are reported by most Hamlin stores for the Christmas season, a check-up by The Herald first of the week revealed.

Department stores, auto supply and appliance firms, grocery stores and specialty shops and others say that because of better stocks made available by their wholesale sources they did big businesses during the past 30 days.

Relish besides its taste and ease of preparation is the fact that you can keep it in the refrigerator for several weeks. That is, if your family doesn't eat it all at one meal!

Variations are easy too. Two apples, peeled, cored and diced may be added with the oranges. Or one-half cup each of diced carrots and celery. One cup of fresh grapefruit segments, or crushed pineapple can be used to vary the flavor for the relish. Try it and see how your family will like it.

Safety Rules for Christmas Given By City Official

Fire safety rules can safeguard homes here from Yuletide disaster. Hamlin city official warns today. The Christmas season brings special hazards. Official emphasizes that each year Christmas trees start fires in thousands of homes. Christmas lighting is responsible for many other blazes. Dwellings, stores and clubs are all menaced by flimsy decorations made of flammable material.

He also offered these many suggestions to eliminate or reduce seasonal hazards: Make sure that the tree is solidly placed to avoid upset; keep the tree standing in water to increase its fire resistance; have an approved fire extinguisher handy at all times. Inspect Christmas lights for frayed wires or loose sockets, and remember to put Christmas tree lights out before going to bed. Lighted candles should not be used around the tree, or the tree should not be placed near open flames.

City official also reminds club managers and operators of public places to guard against fire. Fire in any crowded public building may lead to panic, where exits are inadequate to take care of so many people in a hurry. Aisles and exits should be kept unobstructed.

Newton also warns anyone who has fireworks stored in their homes or places of business.

Fire is an uninvited guest—keep it out.

Methodist Leaders Selected Speakers For Lectureships

Through a news release to The Herald readers an announcement of the fact that two Methodist leaders have been selected as speakers for the Third Annual Willson lectures to be held January 27 thru 30 at McMurry College, Abilene, president of the school said this week.

Dorothy McConnell, co-editor of World Outlook, the Methodist general missionary magazine and Dr. Hazen G. Warner, of the department of practical theology, Drew University are the speakers.

Willson lectures, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada make it possible for the college to bring an outstanding man and woman to the campus for a series of lectures in the general field of Christian life service. They are non-sectarian and are open to all persons interested. Pastors and lay church workers in the Methodist church of Northwest Texas and New Mexico are especially expected to attend, the spokesman stated.

McConnell has served the Methodist church as a social worker, editorial writer for the board of missions and has traveled in many countries and written several volumes of children's stories. She is a board member of the National YWCA and several other commissions and committees.

Dr. Werner, a Methodist minister and author, developed the "clinic" approach to personal troubles, domestic problems in cooperation with the Detroit Police, health department and medical center. He is widely known as a speaker and lecturer on religious life and religious emphasis programs.

Many members of the Hamlin Methodist Church are expected to attend the lectures along with other interested parties.

When Connecticut adopted its constitution in 1639 it was the first time in history when a government was organized and refined by a written constitution.

Test of Initial Production Jones Co. Well Saturday

LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS TO CLOSE THURSDAY

Most Hamlin business houses were planning to observe Christmas with only one day missed from regular operations, a survey made by The Herald Monday morning indicated. Certain groups of businesses, however had agreed to take two days off by closing for Thursday and Friday both.

Cafes and filling stations probably will be open all day, shifting their forces some to permit part of the day to be taken off for family get-togethers.

All schools of the county will be out at least a week, and some of them for two weeks. Hamlin schools closed last Friday and will start classes soon.

Hamlin post office will be closed Christmas Day, but mail will be put in post office boxes Thursday. Rural routes will not run Christmas Day.

No special observances of Christmas Day are slated by any group as far as The Herald could learn Monday. Hamlin churches gave special Christmas programs Sunday.

Raise in Water Rates Effective Here February 1

City council at its regular meeting on Dec. 16 voted unanimously to increase the present water rates 20c to 30c per 1,000 gallons above the regular present minimum, effective January 1st.

This move was instituted by the fact that various materials, labors and supplies have increased in costs the past few months and also some improvements to the benefit of consumers has been proposed in the future with additional cost to the City.

Hamlin City Council made studies of neighboring cities' rates and found that water rates here are in most instances below that of other cities with corresponding facilities.

Present minimum is \$2.00 for the first 3,000 gallons. The new rate will not affect the minimum users. All bills sent out January 1 are computed on the old rate but bills sent out February 1st will carry the new rate.

Christmas Mail This Year in Heavy Flow

Christmas mail was flowing through the Hamlin post office at a fast rate over the week end and volume probably will continue to be heavy through Wednesday, Postmaster Perry Sparks said.

Sparks said he believes that the volume of Christmas mail received in the post office here last week-end will exceed that for the same period last year.

When a soil rests on the parent rock strata from which it was largely formed it is called residual. When the soil is composed of materials removed from their place of streams, it is termed transported.

The name Illinois is a combination of Indian and French words meaning "band of men."

Almost 60 per cent of the farms in the U. S. now have electricity.

Early Indians called the Potomac the "River of Swans".

The Egyptians are the earliest people known to us as a nation. New Mexico's wheat harvest of 10,000,000 bushels was the largest in its history.

Drilling of plug has been completed and initial production test were to be started Saturday on the most promising Jones county discovery in several months, the Ungren & Frazier et al No. 1 H. L. Bartlett, 10 miles west of Anson.

Showing for production from Swastika sand at 3,232-42 feet, tubing was run to the pay zone after plug was drilled in casing at 3,230. On drillstem test of the section earlier in the week, the well had had gas to surface in three minutes, began flowing in 17 minutes, and made a continuous flow through the remainder of a one-hour test.

A second good producer for the recently opened extension to the Hardy field, eight miles north of Anson, was indicated Saturday as operators ran electric log prior to setting casing on the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. No. 2 E. V. Hardwick, 1,460 feet from the south and west lines of the 300 acre Hardwick track in section 11 block 4 H&TC survey.

The well topped the Hardy sand at 3,658 feet and cut 30 feet of saturation. Bottom of the hole is 3,748.

Meanwhile, drilling had begun or was expected to be started within the next few days on five new wildcats in various sections of the county.

Surface casing has been set and drilling was expected to be started by this weekend on the attempt at deeper production in the Griffin field a half mile east of Avoca, Ungren & Frazier et al No. 5 Cox & Hamilton estate, 467 feet from the east and 1,384 from the north line of section 21 block 3 H&TC survey.

On permit for 5,400 feet with rotary, the test is not to be completed in any formation above 3,270 feet.

Five miles southeast of Stamford rig was expected to be moved in this weekend for the West Central Drilling Co., No. 1 S. N. Humphrey, 2,100 feet from the east and 330 from the south line of section 2 H&TC survey.

On permit for 5,000 feet with rotary, it is due to test through the Strawn.

Seven miles northeast of Avoca, Jones & Stasney et al have filed location for a new 3,400 feet wildcat, a Swastika test, as the No. 1 Hansen and Harrison, 330 feet from the west and 2,079 from the north line of section 8 block 3 H&TC survey. It is due to start early in the week.

Surface casing was to be set this weekend on the T. A. Kirk et al No. 1 Bulla Phillips, ten miles west of Anson. A projected 3,300 foot test with rotary. It is located 3,000 feet from the north and 3,856 from the west line of Harrison county school lands survey 334.

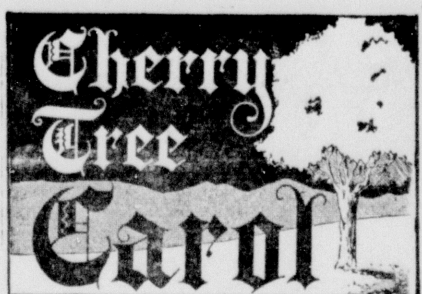
Four miles north of Hawley, drilling began below surface casing Saturday morning on the Hunt Oil Co., No. 1 W. H. Hollis et al, 990 feet from the east and 330 from the north line of the south half of the northwest quarter of section 26 block 15 T&P survey. It is on permit for 2,600 feet with rotary.

The roadrunner, a bird that can pace a horse for miles, will attack a rattlesnake, sidestepping the deadly fangs by agile footwork, and pecking the snake to death while it is uncoiled.

If blister beetles are beginning to attack your fall tomatoes, dust the insects with 25 per cent DDT and keep them dusted until they die out or make a retreat.

Maybe Two Got Away.
Wife—"How many fish was it you caught on Saturday, Harry?"
Husband—"Sir, darling—all beauties."
Wife—"I thought so. That fish shop has made a mistake again. They've charged us for eight."
Texas is considered to be one of the most fertile fields in North America for archaeological research.

Power of Suggestion.
Jones—"What are you cutting out of the paper?"
Smith—"A story about a man who got a divorce because his wife went through his pockets every night."
Jones—"What are you going to do with it?"
Smith—"Put it in my pocket to-night."
Many of the states have names



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

The first visit of white men to the Texas coast took place only 27 years after the discovery of America.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Is He Being Horsey?

Traveler—"The real reason I'm a traveling salesman is that my wife is like a stable full of decrepit old horses."

Friend—"How's that?"
Traveler—"Nag, nag, nag!"

Are There Two Varieties?

"Tell me, do men like the talkative women as well as the other kind?" asked a young matron.

While her husband replied: "What other kind?"

She Saw Through It.
Jane—"How old are you?"
Mabel—"I just turned twenty-three."
Jane—"I get it. Thirty-two."

Little Damage to Car by Fire.
Members of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department answered a call last Friday morning, 10:05 o'clock, when the 1936 Ford of Miss Naomi Strayhorn caught on fire across the street from the hospital. Slight damage resulted to the ignition wiring.

Most notable of the Texas stone resources are the granites of the Burnet-Llano and Trans-Pecos belts.

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And during this holiday season, while we're "remembering," we also want to tell you of our sincere appreciation for your generous and loyal patronage—your confidence—your co-operation—your evident good will, which we hope we may continue to enjoy through the many years to come.

And so to you, one of our family of friends, we extend our most cordial Christmas Greetings. May the coming New Year bring you abundant good fortune and abiding cheer.



Christmas is rush time for Long Distance, too

Thousands of people like to make long distance calls at Christmas time and we like to do everything we can to help.

Lines will be crowded and there will be delays. But if you'd like to call someone, we'll do our very best to get the call through.

Long Distance will be on the job as usual over the holidays.

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And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

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Mr. and Mrs. George Malouf
Mrs. R. E. McCormick
Mrs. J. H. Foster

Mrs. Clyde Huff
Herman Treadwell

Safety Council Urges Caution in Holiday Driving

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!"

With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council announced this week a nation-wide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

The Christmas-New Year season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to Council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, three times as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period than on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, etc.

More than 130 national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined forces with the Council in the year-end campaign. Together they seek to create in the public mind an awareness of the special holiday hazards, and to enlist voluntary cooperation on the part of every individual to hold accidents to a minimum this Christmas.

The Council emphasizes that the campaign is the final effort of the year to hold the 1947 traffic death toll below the 1946 total of 33,700.

At the end of the first nine months of this year, there was a small reduction in traffic deaths—four per cent—from the same period of 1946. But the final quarter of the year always is the one with the most traffic deaths.

"Christmastime is family time, the season of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties that bind us together—truly a season to be merry," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"But it is a season to worry, as well. The tragedy of an accident becomes even more poignant during the Yule season. It takes only a little forethought, a little extra care and, often, just a little extra courtesy to make certain a Christmas celebration of joy and festivity unshadowed by accidents.

"Remember—don't let death take your holiday."

The mocking bird is the official bird of Texas.

POLAR RENDEZVOUS



The far-flung activities of American submarines during World War II that brought the undersea craft to the home waters of the Japanese Empire in the year of the fighting fronts, are continued into peacetime as the submarines, like the USS Sennet (above), penetrate the Arctic and Antarctic. Submarines are important units of the Navy's postwar expeditions and projects probing the mysteries of distant oceans for scientific data to be used for future planning.

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

That's Different.

Kid Brother—"I'm gonna hang around till your boy friend comes—he always gives me a quarter to go to the movies."

Sister—"It's a marine tonight, so here's a dollar—and stay right here!"

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St. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Claus by the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, and he became the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked old fellow he is today.

Off-the-Stage Dramatics.

A girl has to be an excellent actress. She must act as if she were insulted if a man makes a pass at her, and conceal her disappointment if he doesn't.

The normal pressure of the air at sea level is 14.7 pounds per square inch or more than 2,100 pounds per square foot.

Influenced by Gun.

"Gosh! That sounds like the warden, and I've been afraid of firearms ever since my birth."

"Was your mother frightened by a gun?"

"No, but I think my father was."

Good Reason.

Father—"Willie, were you quiet at school today?"

Willie—"I'll say so. I went to sleep as soon as I got there, and the teacher said she'd punish anyone who woke me up!"

W. H. EYSEN JR.
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Miss Elsie Withers
Mrs. Van Huling
Mrs. H. A. Johnston
Ben Townley



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"To the Reform Party?" queried the solicitor.

"Yes," the woman affirmed; "he don't do nothing but set around all day and howl."

The Hawaiian Islands were under a native monarchy until 1893, when a revolution deposed the queen and set up a provisional government. The Islands were annexed to the United States on July 7, 1898.



Another New Year!

There's a lift of the spirit,
a warming of the heart!
There's laughter and youth
... sixty joins hands with
twenty, and on this day the
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AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—6,000 feet good seasoned lumber.—Call 155 or write to box 233. 50-tfc

FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3tc

HUGHES MEN'S STORE—Bargains in men and ladies used clothing; holiday goods. 6-2p

FOR SALE—Plate glass, four by six and one-half feet.—Phone 240. 6-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT—Bedroom, close in, private entrance, prefer men.—Phone 545-W. 7-tfc

Business Services

MONUMENTS FOR SALE—Also curb work of all kinds.—M. L. Haught. 6-4p

ONLY GENUINE Maytag parts for sale by Bryant-Link Co., Hamlin. 13tfc

SEE US for rubber stamps, stamp pads and stamp pad ink, variety of colors.—Hamlin Herald. 1t

SEPTIC TANK Cleaning—Also do pumping out of cess pools and storm cellars and will clean out cisterns; free inspection of septic tanks; prices reasonable.—Phone 381-M; J. H. Crawford & Company, General Delivery, Seymour. 50-tfc

WANTED—To see your smiling face come in our shop and see our new fall samples of suits and coats for ladies and men.—Style Cleaners, 14

FULLER BRUSH Dealership now open in Hamlin territory. If you can meet the public and make less than \$2 per hour this opening should interest you; car necessary. Territory includes Stamford, Anson, Aspermont and Hamlin.—Write H. P. McLaughlin, 1106 Bowie Street, Sweetwater or Box B, Hamlin. 7-2c

PRYERS FOR Christmas dinners and fill-ins.—Frank Williams, phone 428. 7-2p

Wanted

WANTED—Windchester pump target rifle.—See G. W. Lenard, Route 2, Hamlin. 1p

Miscellaneous

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and kind words spoken in the death of our dear father and grandfather. May God's richest blessings rest on all is our prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Bond and children. 1p

\$30 BUYS a shotgun, single barrel, breech loader, good condition; also have 12-foot fishing boat.—J. S. Criswell. 1p

Real Estate for Sale

FOR SALE—McCaulley Barber Shop, including fixtures, lot and building.—J. M. Humphries, McCaulley. 7-2p

FOR SALE—One 50x90 lot, nice two room house and garage for car, gas, lights in house and city water in yard. Located 1/2 block west of high school, if cash will take \$1,600.—See B. C. May, owner, Box 773 or phone 257-W. 5-4p

FOR SALE

640 ACRES of level wheat land, 600 in cultivation; two irrigation wells, well improved. Located on the Plains, price \$100 per acre.

HAVE A lovely home for sale, close in; don't fail to see it. Priced at \$6,300; can assist in getting good loan if needed.

320 ACRES, 220 acres in cultivation; good house, plenty of water. Deep oil test going down quarter of mile of farm, price \$85 per acre.

DON'T FAIL to see this one—Have a good little 800 acre ranch; well improved.

D. M. WHITE & SON

Real Estate Dealers

Phone 137 6-tfc

FOR SALE

FIVE ROOM and bath, modern, convenient to school, churches and town, priced \$2,500.

91 ACRES, well improved, all in wheat; six miles out; \$100 per acre.

240 ACRES with 190 acres in cultivation; good farm and pasture; \$62.50 per acre.

FOUR ROOM and bath, modern dwelling; well located, corner lot very good neighborhood, new roof, new paint, all in good condition, \$3,250.

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Real Estate, Loans and Rentals

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W. Lee O'Daniel "Cottons" to Idea of Running for Vice President of U. S.

W. Lee O'Daniel, junior senator from Texas, "cottons" to the suggestion he said has been made that he run for vice president on a ticket with General Douglas MacArthur, Hamlin area politically interested folks observed this week in reading press reports.

But he said it would have to be proven to him that "the rank and file of American citizens desire me."

O'Daniel said he was urged to run for vice president in a letter from George Armstrong, Fort Worth oil man, who said "such a ticket would sweep the country."

The Texas solon said the ticket would have to be that of a third party, which might be designated as the Jeffersonian Constitutional Party.

Armstrong also enclosed in his letter to O'Daniel a copy of a letter he had written to Karl Crowley, Fort Worth, outlining plans to incorporate a "constitutional foundation." Armstrong said he will give the foundation \$25,000 in 1948, \$50,000 annually and leave it millions upon his death.

O'Daniel said that he does not know the specific objectives of the foundation, but that he knows Armstrong's beliefs concerning the "protection of the constitution against radical new dealers" were similar to his own.

Armstrong's letter said that General George Van Horn Mosely, Atlanta, Georgia, former deputy chief of staff of MacArthur, would head the foundation.

O'Daniel's statement as to a campaign for vice president said in part: "I am not interested one iota in the office of vice president, and I would prefer that the people select somebody else as running mate for General MacArthur, but when I first entered public service it was at the urgent request of the rank and file of the people and I have always served where they desired me to serve."

"Therefore, if and when it is proven to me that the great rank and file of American citizens desire me to run on a ticket with General MacArthur, as a means to get him drafted into that high of-

Congress Adjourns After Passing Huge Foreign Aid Plan

Congress adjourned Friday night, ending a 33-day special session which enacted a 540 million-dollar foreign-aid program and a plan for voluntary industry checks on rising prices.

The Senate quit first, adjourning at 6:18 p. m. (CST).

The House followed at 6:32 after listening to a song by an impromptu quartet composed of Representatives.

The legislators will return January 6 for the regular session; and they already have a mounting stack of issues to tackle.

Biggest is the four-year, 17 billion-dollar Marshall Plan for restoring Europe to economic health.

Tons of statistical information, whole libraries of printed hearings, weeks of argument and debate will be expended as the legislators try to reach their decision on the quantity of aid to be offered and the method in which it will be extended. Mr. Truman estimated that the

Santa Fe Carloadings Decline.

Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 13, 1947, were 28,202 compared with 28,422 for the same week in 1946. Cars received from connections totaled 11,495 compared with 10,956 for the same week in 1946. Total cars moved were 39,697 compared with 39,373 for the same week in 1946. Santa Fe handle a total of 40,050 cars in the preceding week of this year.

Betty Bailey of Houston is spending Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey.

Mrs. Jerry Nesbit of San Angelo is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie West.

Elmer Terrell Jr. has recently been discharged from the Marines.



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

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PHONE 123

J. E. and D. D.



Valeta Crow from Escondido, California, a beauty operator in Vesta, California; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Crow from North Little Rock, Arkansas, of Little Rock Junior College, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crow during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Whitaker of Throckmorton accompanied the Throckmorton ball team to Hamlin Saturday night where the finals of the tournament were played.

Pfc. W. C. Moore is spending the holidays with his parents and to attend the wedding of his sister and serve as best man. He is with the Marine Corps stationed at Quantico, Virginia after completing a course in radio school.

Rev. and Mrs. John H. Osteen and son are spending the Christmas holidays in Gentry, Arkansas with Mrs. Osteen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott L. Shell, Prisma, and Lewis spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lott L. Shell Sr. in Georgetown.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit
of the First Christmas
gladden your hearts
this
Christmas season

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PHONE 32

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vaughn
And GANG



Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

Johnny & Bobs Studio

Bill Shows Half of Texas Families Have Blessing for Meals

A recent state-wide poll showed that five out of 10 Texas families say "grace" or a blessing before each meal.

A national organization polled families in the United States on this and other religious habits not long ago. The percentage of families in the country as a whole that say grace before each meal is four out of 10.

Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, extension family life education specialist for Texas A. & M. College, says that families tend to do in their own homes what they learned as children. One-half of the people who do not offer thanks before meals said that the custom had not been observed in their homes when they were children, while 84 out of 100 Texans who offer thanks reported that this was a family custom as they grew up.

Grace before each meal does more than give spiritual satisfaction, Mrs.

In the mating season the purple finch picks up a straw with his bill and handles it like a drum major in intricate maneuvers calculated to impress the chick of his choice. At the conclusion of his dance he falls dead as a 'possum—a bid for sympathy, to which the female responds by pecking at him until he gets up.

A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justness and its sincerity.—Robert Hall.

Johnson says. The beauty and dignity of the blessing adds as much to the atmosphere of the meal as flowers, colorful linen or attractive china. The few moments of quiet before eating calms emotions and consequently the digestive system is in much better working order. This is particularly true for small children, but adults also benefit from the short respite from worry, haste or excitement.

It's an old-fashioned custom, perhaps, but it still fits in the modern picture of family life.

President Truman Tells Farm Bureau Federation Farmer Will Carry Load

Jones County members of the Farm Bureau and others were interested in the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing a million and a quarter farm families, in Chicago, last week.

At the opening session, delegates received greetings from President Truman. The chief executive expressed confidence that "The American farm family will continue to bear a heavy load of responsibility in meeting the world food emergency."

Truman added that the nation must maintain its productive capacity by conserving and rebuilding our soil to the greatest extent possible.

Edward O'Neal, retiring as farm bureau president after 16 years in office, gave the keynote address. Much, or most, of it was given over to domestic farm problems but O'Neal made it definitely clear that the people of agriculture are not isolationists. He touched at considerable length on world problems, urging federation support of the Marshall plan. O'Neal also gave his approval to the lower tariff program which this and 22 other nations endorsed a few months ago at a convention in Switzerland.

That the people of the federation are world minded was demonstrated

again when another speaker was introduced. It was Warren Austin, United States delegate to the United Nations.

He compared the risk of the proposed Marshall plan for Europe to those farmers taken when they plant crops. Said he: "The Marshall plan is an essential part of the task of building a strong United Nations."

But getting back to the federation's attention to domestic problems. O'Neal advised his organization to insist that Congress retain the parity program. Revisions, yes, but abolishment, no.

In this portion of his speech, O'Neal said of parity: "I do not object to changing it. I do plead with you to proceed with caution, so that the principle of fair-exchange value will not be weakened or destroyed."

He explained that the parity formula represents a relationship between prices of what he sells.

Yoga is the name given to a winter wheat first experimented with in Montana.

One of nature's strangest freaks is the Ice Cave, a rock cavern near Decorah, Iowa, which reverses the laws of nature by being warm in winter and below freezing in spring and summer.

Group of 27 at Hardin-Simmons To Get Letters

A total of 27 Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Cowboys will receive football letters for the 1947 season, Coach Warren B. Woodson has announced. Included in the group are nine newcomers, four three-year lettermen and 14 second-year men.

Books Allen, right halfback from Groves; Elmer Biddy, end from Paducah; Ray Cook, halfback from Baird; Wilton "Hook" Davis, halfback from Austin; Paul Frost, guard from Abilene; Nolan Harvey, halfback from El Centro, California; Hugh Higgins, guard from Cleburne; J. D. Kirby, fullback from Corpus Christi; and Tom Proctor, Abilene tackle; were listed as the first year lettermen.

Veterans Al Johnson, Dublin quarterback; Bullet Cook, Baird halfback; John "Red" Cleveland, Corpus Christi, center, and Jack Ellison, Hamlin guard; whose football career at Hardin-Simmons began as a freshman in 1941, were listed as the three year lettermen.

The remainder of the lettermen are two-year holders of letters. Including C. F. Pa. Bailey, South Bend, Indiana; Paul Bailey, Abilene; Jack Boles, Midland; Jesse Clardy, Levelland; Leon Cooper, Reading, Pennsylvania; Joe England, Alvarado; Bob and Howard McChasney, Van Nuys, California; Herman Raphael, Stamford; Earl Rowan, Breckenridge; J. W. Steadman, Cleburne; Neli Taylor, Levelland; Virgil Turner, Sweetwater and Raymond Toutman of Abilene.

Letter awards, the coach stated would be given the athletes at a later date.

The bush from which tea leaves are taken is an evergreen shrub, cultivated in China, and grows to a height of from three to five feet.

Crows, most intelligent of birds, have a remarkable social instinct. If one of them falls into a pond and is unable to rise, he will be helped ashore, first by one comrade and then another.

Farmer cooperatives own 13 per cent of the frozen food locker plants in the nation.



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

Morgan Insurance Agency

Mrs. John C. Bryant



Style change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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We extend to you and yours a cordial greeting for the New Year.

May some of the happy spirit of New Year's Eve be parceled out through the long stretch of days as 1948 doles out the Good Luck we wish for you.

AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Leon Thurman

District Clerk



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

Merry Christmas to each and every one

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SHERIFF'S SALE
The State of Texas:
County of Jones:

By virtue of an order of sale issued by order of a judgement decree of the 104th District Court of Jones County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court, on the 10th day of October A. D., 1947, in a certain suit No. 6871, wherein The Hamlin Consolidated Independent School District, for itself and in behalf of Jones County and for the use and benefit of Jones County Road District No. 1, a municipal Corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and being a political subdivision of said County whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, is plaintiff, and the City of Hamlin and The State, Texas both municipal corporations, are Interveners, and,

Bessie Bradley and all unknown heirs, assigns, and or Legal Representative of Bessie Bradley, deceased and all unknown Owners of the property hereinafter described are Defendants

In favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of \$27.25 with interest there

on at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 10th, 1947; in favor of the said Intervener, City of Hamlin for the sum of \$75.71 with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 10th, 1947; and in favor of the said Intervener, State of Texas for the sum of \$96.53 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of October 10th, 1947.

For delinquent School District and City and State and County ad valorem, taxes, together with the legal and total amount of penalties, interest, and costs of suit computed thereon, and the foreclosure of the Plaintiff's delinquent tax liens upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the Defendants because of the nonpayments of the taxes due thereon, within the time and in the manner provided for by law, same being the amounts of said judgement rendered in favor of said Plaintiff, Hamlin Independent School District for itself and in the capacity hereinabove set out, and said Interveners, State of Texas and City of Hamlin, by the said 104th District Court of Jones County, on the 10th day of October A. D. 1947, and to me directed and delivered as

Sheriff of Said Jones County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1948, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Jones County, in the City of Anson between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest of said Defendants in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Jones and the State of Texas, and within the metes and bounds and territorial limits of said City and School District, to-wit:

Lot No. 1, Block No. 43, Original Town of Hamlin, Jones County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat of said Town, of record in the office of the County Clerk of Jones County, Texas

subject, however, to the rights of the Defendants his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law, subject to the further rights of the Defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than

the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said The Hamlin Consolidated Independent School District, for itself and in behalf of Jones County and for the use and benefit of Jones County Road District No. 1, a municipal corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and being a political subdivision of said County whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, in trust for the Interveners, City of Hamlin and State of Texas, both municipal corporations.—Bill Dunwoody, Sheriff, Jones County, Texas. By E. G. Bartlett, Deputy.

Dated at Anson, Texas this 8 day of December A. D., 1947. 6-4c

No Kidding.

The disgusted patron said to the restaurant waiter: "Waiter, this beef stew hasn't enough beef in it to even give a flavor."

The waiter said: "Sir, it isn't supposed to give it a flavor; we just put in enough to give it a name."

U. S. farmers use electricity in more than 350 different ways.

Not Following Doctor's Orders.

"What caused the coolness between you and that young doctor? I thought you were engaged."

"His writing is rather illegible, and he sent me a note calling for 10,000 kisses."

"Well?"

"I thought it was a prescription and took it to the druggist to be filled."

The word "Texas" is derived from the Indian greeting "Tehias," which meant "Hello, friend." Hence the reference to Texas as meaning "friendly."

Waiting for the Message.

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard at the head of the stairs. She raised her hand for silence.

"Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their good-night message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them. Listen."

There was a moment of complete silence, then shyly from the head of the stairs: "Mother, Willie found a bedbug!"

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ANOTHER year. Another Christmas. Once more children look up, the very Star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes as they hear the story of the infant Jesus. Once more the parents of little children everywhere pray that there should be peace on earth—for never before in all history, has His lesson been more worthy of repetition. Good will toward men—let every man say it over and over. Let it be instilled in the hearts of those just learning the ways of life. Nor is there any man who can observe Christmas reverently—without doing sacrilege to His name—if that man fails to practice the lesson of "Good will toward men!"

The Churches of Hamlin Extend Season's Greetings!

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Agent Says Fall Garden Still Can Be Raised in Area

It's not too late for a vegetable garden in Jones County. That's the word H. C. Stanley Jr., county agent, would like to get around.

If there had been plenty of moisture in the ground in early fall it's not too late for onions, turnips, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach and cabbage, either in frame gardens or, in the more central and southern parts of the state, in open plots. These vegetables are frost-hardy and will mature before time to plant the spring garden.

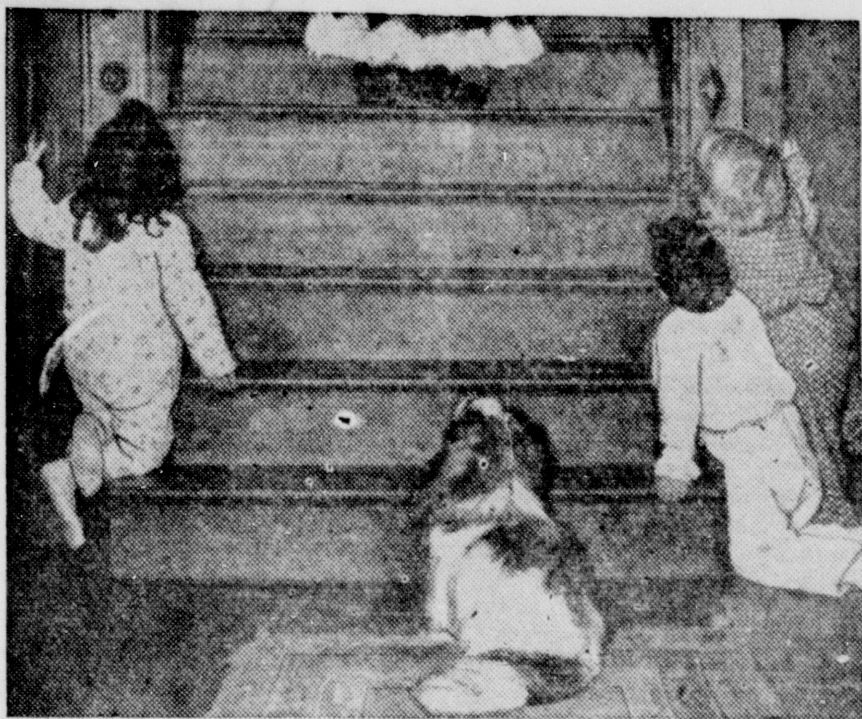
Here are a few suggestions from Stanley for the late fall garden:

Onion plants will mature in 30 to 40 days; onion sets in 45 to 75 days. When the plants reach a height of four to five inches, thin them out until they are three to four inches apart. The thinnings may be transplanted.

Turnips will stand light frosts. The purple top variety is the best choice. Fertilize the soil heavily and plant in rows.

Carrots need a deep seed bed. Loosen the soil to a depth of six to eight inches and sow three or four seeds to the inch. Germination will be quicker if the soil is "firmed" over the seed with the hoe.

Spinach and beet seed have a hard outer shell and germination will be speeded up if the seed is soaked for 24 hours before planting. These plants, as well as lettuce, should be thinned after they have reached a growth of about three inches. Stanley states the best way to judge thinning time for



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead.

Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froeschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.

Treating fruit trees in October with paradichlorobenzene or ethylene dichloride for borers will help stop the heavy damage toll that these insects take in fruit orchards in Texas each year.

Lettuce is to wait until the third pair of true leaves has formed. Lettuce thrives best in soil that is well drained.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

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In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

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Insurance Minded.

An insurance man says his company recently took on a new office boy who is a wonder. A man came into the office the other day and asked, "Can you insure my immortal soul?"

"I don't know," the kid replied, "but if you'll wait a minute I'll ask the manager of the fire department."

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TO ALL MY FRIENDS

A Merry Christmas

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy . . . may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you . . . to bring you Yuletide music . . . and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

May your Christmas be a happy one! . . . that's your electric servant's wish for you.

Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities Company

REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.

Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fantastic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?"

Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

POT-SHOTS FROM McCaULEY

By GEORGE DARDEN

Merry Christmas folks, we may not get around with Xmas cards so please accept this as a personal Christmas greeting to all of our readers. 1947 has been a trying year for a lot of us. Many things have happened and some have not been so pleasant but after all is said and done we should be very thankful to be living and the people as a whole of our great country have been blessed more ways than one. Yes, we have lost a few dear friends in 1947, others have been ill and in hospitals, and ye old scribe and family had a very close call back in April but we are still around and glad of it. We sincerely hope that 1948 will be a happy one for you and yours.—Sincerely yours, George.

Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron Jr. from Shreveport, Louisiana are visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron in Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. George Darden in McCauley over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallaway Jr. and son from Ralls are visiting parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Gallaway. Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Clifton from Imperial will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Rector, during the holidays.

A Christmas party honoring the

members of the McCauley Eastern Star lodge and their families was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Herbst last Tuesday night. Xmas packages were exchanged and games of 42 and bingo were played after which a lovely refreshment consisting of pumpkin pie with whipped cream and hot chocolate was served to the group.

Honoring the McCauley High School senior class a Christmas party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb last Friday night. After an enjoyable evening of games and exchanging of gifts from the Xmas tree refreshments of pop corn, Christmas candy and soda pop were served.

Mrs. M. A. Connell of Lubbock sends in her check for \$10 for the McCauley Cemetery Fund. Connell is a sister of Mrs. W. B. Mayo of this community.

McCauley jail house which has stood for so many years on the alley between Rector's Store and the post office will soon be moved to the McCauley Cemetery for a tool house. George West has contracted to move same and run a concrete floor. Public subscriptions from the McCauley merchants made possible the erection of the "Calaboose" many years ago and in recent years the "jug" has been used for the night

watchman to stay in on winter nights. And folks, it takes money to keep up the cemetery, so please send in your contributions to this scribe.

Just a few more days and the moving vans begin to move in our community. At least 12 families in the neighborhood will pass up and get moving and we "bet you" that those who don't have to move the first don't envy those of us who have to get going.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Darden last were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron of Hamlin, Lt. and Mrs. Bill Pickron of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houghton and daughter and S. E. Miers of McCauley and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Darden and daughter of Girard.

Dropped in The Herald office last week and met the new editor and wife, and gotta' notice that the Hamlin folks and readers of The Herald are getting to like them. In our rounds we have always found that the way to be liked is to like folks. So crop around The Herald and make yourself known to the folks.

Maybe we will have a lot of news items after the holidays, but this week we have been too busy looking for Santa to know what the other fellow is doing. So once again, neighbor, a Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year!

Make the Notes Fly

Dimitri Mitropoulos was rehearsing his symphony. He came to a rather quiet place. The oboe player came out with a very loud, discordant note. Mitropoulos stopped the rehearsal and went over it again. When they came to that point, the oboe player did the same thing.

Mitropoulos threw up his hands and started over again. The third time it happened. Mitropoulos threw up his hands again and said to the oboe player, "What in the world is the matter with you?"

The oboe player looked at his music over his glasses and said, "Ach! I've been playing a fly!"

Dear Santa:

I love you very much. Please bring my little sister a doll and doll buggy and I want a bicycle, an air gun and a wagon.

Carl Max Weaver

S-Sgt. Howard Crow of British Guinea and Horace Crow from Manhattan, Kansas, are here spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crow.



NEW HOPE • BEST WISHES

Joyous
Yuletide
To You All

We've a bounty of good wishes for a wonderful, merry, joyous Christmas . . . a happy year to come filled with health and prosperity. We've also a bouquet of "thank you's" for all our many patrons of the past year. We've enjoyed serving you . . . we hope to have the same pleasure in the New Year just dawning. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year One and All!

HAMLIN HOME & AUTO SUPPLY

ROY HARTGRAVES
"YOUR FIRESTONE STORE"



19 Our wish 47
for you at
Christmastide

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Johnson's Drive Inn

LOOK FOR OPENING DATE
J. E. JOHNSON, Jr.



THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

... the family gathered around the heavily-laden table . . . turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies . . . the Christmas tree with its tinsel . . . the toys beneath . . . May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

Jones County Commissioners Court

ROGER GARRETT, County Judge

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Precinct No. 2

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Precinct No. 3

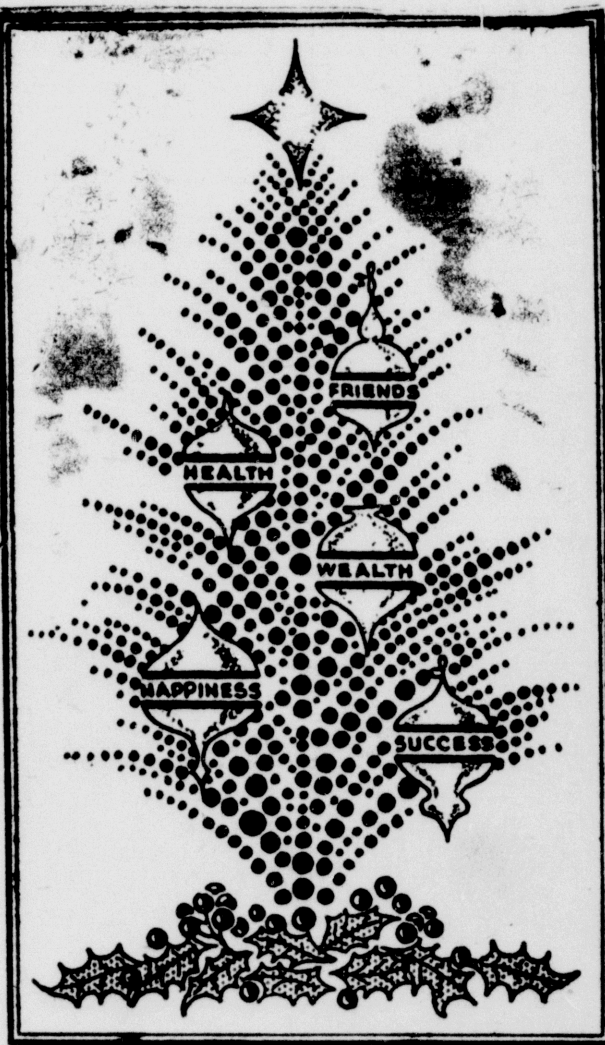
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Precinct No. 4

THIS IS OUR WISH FOR YOU

Every business, regardless of size or type; every individual, is dependent upon someone else for support and existence. Our business is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in scores of ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage . . . it may have been a kind word of cheer . . . or it may have been an expression in our behalf to some friend of yours . . . but, in whatever way you may have favored us, we are thankful.

It is our hope that each of you may receive the blessings of a joyous Yuletide Season.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rockwell Bros. & Co.

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Must Stand in Line Again.
A retailer, annoyed because he had to wait several months for a large order, wired the manufacturer: "Cancel our order immediately." "Regret cannot cancel immediately. You must take your turn."

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.—Goethe.



In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year . . . and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

Farmers Cooperative Gin

Nienda, Texas

The Messiah Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

Hard on Shins, Too.

Of all the surprises, there's nothing to come. With treading, the darkness on a step that isn't there.

Slight Gain in Cotton Price Marked Up Last Week as Crop Estimate Given

Prices for cotton advanced again during the week and gained about \$1.75 a bale according to the Department of Agriculture's weekly release to The Herald. Farmer were reported to be selling a little less freely. Offerings of the lower grades increased. Mills continued to buy cotton, but in less volume than for last week. Cotton production for 1947 was estimated at 11,694,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight by the Crop Reporting Board. Ginnings through November totaled 10,056,000 bales.

Cotton ginned from this year's crop is higher in grade but shorter in staple than for last year. Picking was retarded by rains and wet fields in most sections of the belt.

Prices for middling 15-16 inch cotton in the 10 spot markets averaged 36.04 cents per pound on Thursday, December 11, as compared with 35.70 cents a week earlier and 32.07 cents on the corresponding Thursday a year ago. The average price for the week ended Wednesday was 35.85 cents per pound as compared with 35.64 cents for the previous week.

Prices were strong throughout most of the week but declined a little on Thursday. The principal gains were on Monday and Tuesday following the release of the crop forecast. The "basis" remained firm throughout most of the belt.

Prices for textiles continued firm to higher. Increases averaging over 10 per cent in prices for rayon and covering all categories were announced by one of the principal producers of rayon. It was expected in trade circles that others would also soon announce higher prices.

Indicated supply of upland cotton for the current season is about 13,777,000 bales, consisting of 3,389,000 bales in the carry-over August 1, and an indicated production of 11,388,000 running bales. This indicated supply for this season is 12 per cent less than the 15,680,000 bales for 1946-47.

Cotton ginned through November 30 totaled 10,056,000 bales, according to the Bureau of the Census. This was 88 per cent of the indicated production. Cotton ginned through November this year averaged higher in grade but shorter in staple than during this same period last year. The supply of upland cotton for this season will contain about the same number of bales of middling cotton, much larger vol-

umes of strict middling, good middling and good middling spotted cotton and much smaller quantities of most other grades. With respect to staple the supply for this year will contain somewhat larger amounts of 31-32 inch through 1 1-32 inch and smaller quantities of all other lengths. The supply of 1 3-32 inch and longer is expected to be considerably less than for last season.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear, "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



Dr. House and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith attended the Christmas Pageant in Albany Friday night.

Holly Now Crowned Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormone-like substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.

Self Protection.

A small, nervous fellow walked into the grocery store.

"I want all the rotten eggs you have," he demanded.

"What do you want with stale eggs?" asked the clerk. "Are you going to hear Savage speak at the contest tonight?"

"S-sh-sh," hissed the buyer, nervously. "I'm Savage."

Loss Was Expected Soon.

Smitty—"Sorry, old man, to hear about your wife running away with that butler."

Jonesy—"Oh, that's all right. I was going to fire him anyway."

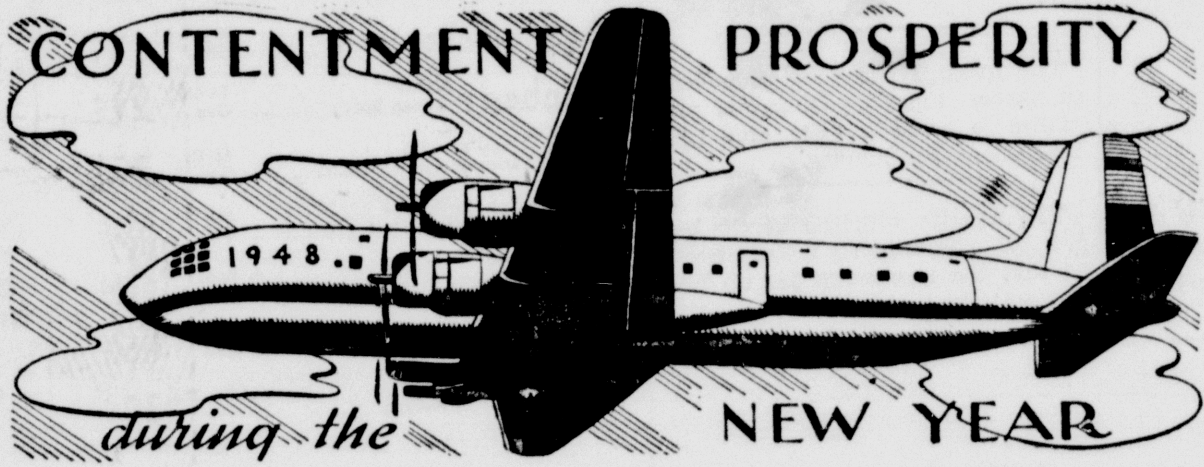
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Forgy visited his brother, M. H. Forgy, in Spun Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones in Dickens.

Gleen Adair, who is a student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, is home for the Christmas holidays.



And when the day is gone Our wishes for our friends Continue on and on and on!

Vogue Beauty Shop



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Time flies! It seems but yesterday since we wished you a

Happy New Year

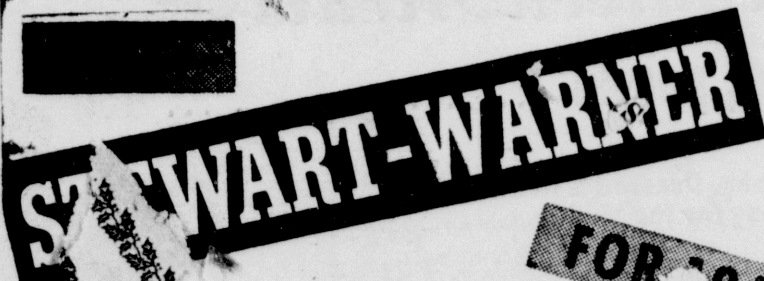
and here we are again repeating the time-honored greeting.

It has been a good year for us. To the customers we have been privileged to serve in 1947 we express our deep appreciation, together with our assurance of continued friendly service in the days to come. May every member of this community pursue his or her happiness during 1948 amid peace and plenty!

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First major improvement in radio design in 15 years! Engineered to be seen clearly from all angles . . . tuned swiftly and accurately.

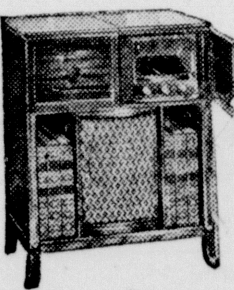


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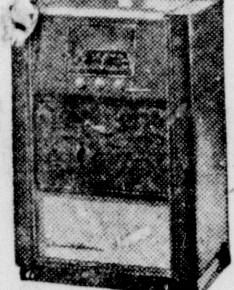
The really new sets are here! Style-proportioned for decorative harmony in today's home . . . beautiful with a radio and record tone that will amaze and delight you! Come in and look at the difference . . . listen to it . . . today!



THE INTERPRETER
Old-world mahogany in the modern manner; intermix automatic record changer. \$189.95



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18th Century period piece in dark mahogany; bronze grille; standard automatic record changer. \$169.95



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A handsome contemporary style; all the new features plus standard record. \$149.95



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The Dura-point refracts to guard your records from accidental scratch! Needle noise . . . hiss and chatter . . . are banished. Your needle-changing worries are over.

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White Auto Store

HAMLIN, TEXAS

Story of the Tree



We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night. He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

The Texas Unit Corporation has post-war plans for a new type of steam-propelled automobile to be known as the Texas.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

Pennies are legal tender only up to 25 cents. Therefore, a creditor cannot be forced to accept more than 25 pennies in payment of a debt.

The average speed of propellers in use on today's commercial airplanes is between 1,600 and 1,850 revolutions per minute.

The aquatic whirligig beetle has only two eyes but they are so directed that the insect can see up and down at the same time.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Alaska, including the Aleutian Islands, was purchased by the United States from Russia in 1867, for \$7,200,000.

One implement dealer makes the forecast that within three years every farmer in Western Oklahoma who has 50 acres or more of cotton will have a stripper. He may be too optimistic, but the use of strippers appears likely to expand rapidly in the next few years.—Oklahoma Experiment Station.

The Goodyear Zeppelin dock at Akron is so large (55,000,000 cubic feet) that sudden changes of temperature cause clouds to form inside the hangar, and rain falls even though it may be a clear day outside.

In all ranks of life the human heart yearns for the beautiful; and the beautiful things that God makes are His gift to all alike.—H. B. Stowe.

Forty per cent more persons were killed in automobile accidents on Saturdays in 1946 than an average days during the year. Drive carefully and Saturdays—and every day!

Patience is not passive; on the contrary it is active; it is concentrated strength.—Bulwer-Lytton.

The only cannibal Indians in America lived in Texas. They were the Karankawas Tribe.

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Pecans	Large Papershell Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	49¢
Mincemeat	Little Cook	9-Oz. Pkg.	17¢
Pitted Dates	Dromedary	7 1/4-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Pumpkin	Moonbeam	No. 2 1/2 Can	13¢
Pie Spice	Schillings' Pumpkin	2-Oz. Can	14¢
Seasoning	Schillings' Poultry	2 1/2-Oz. Can	15¢
Rubbed Sage	Schillings'	2-Oz. Can	18¢
Apple Sauce	Mott's	No. 2 Can	17¢
Cranberry	Sauce Ocean Spray	16-Oz. Can	21¢
Juice	Libby's Pineapple	46-Oz. Can	39¢
Cocktail	Hostess Delight Fruit	No. 2 1/2 Can	39¢
Candy Bars	Solo Cub	3 Reg. Bars	10¢
Cherries	Crystal Red Sour, Pitted	No. 2 Can	25¢
Pears	Highway Bartlett, Halves	No. 2 1/2 Can	37¢

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1-Lb. Pkg. **35¢**

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Airway Coffee	1-Lb. Pkg.	37¢
Coffee	Edwards Top Quality 1-Lb. Can	45¢
Green Tea	Canterbury 1 1/4-Lb. Pkg.	23¢
Tea Bags	Canterbury 16 Count	13¢
Peaches	Castle Crest Choice Quality No. 2 1/2 Can	29¢
Tomato Soup	Campbell's 2 10-Oz. Cans	19¢
Beets	Libby's Cut, Red No. 2 Can	12¢
Corn	Highway Whole Kernel Golden 12-Oz. Can	17¢
Tomatoes	Gardenside Standard No. 2 1/2 Can	23¢
Peas	Green Giant Large, Tender No. 303 Can	19¢
Pimientos	Tru-Tex 7 1/4-Oz. Can	15¢
Spinach	Emerald Bay Fancy Quality No. 2 Can	14¢
Ketchup	Heinz Tomato 14-Oz. Bot.	25¢
Cheese	Dutch Mill American 1 1/2-Lb. Pkg.	31¢
Cake Flour	Snoosheen 2 1/4-Lb. Pkg.	37¢
Bread	Mrs. Wright's Extra Tender 24-Oz. Loaf	17¢

Nall Grocery

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

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SUE MARNELL

Safeway Produce

Oranges	Texas Hamlin	Lb.	5¢
Apples	Washington Extra Fancy Red Delicious	Lb.	13¢
Cranberries	Cape Cod	12-Oz. Pkg.	31¢
Pascal Celery	California Crisp, Tender	Lb.	9¢
California Navel Oranges		Lb.	7¢
Ruby Red Grapefruit	Texas	Lb.	8¢
Seedless Grapefruit	Texas	Lb.	4¢
Texas Tangerines	Easy to Peel	Lb.	14¢
California Avocados	Large 30 Size	Each	19¢
Red Emperor Grapes	California	Lb.	14¢
Idaho Russet Potatoes	Standard	10-Lb. Bag	53¢
Sweet Potatoes	East Texas Yams	Lb.	8¢
California Iceberg Lettuce		Lb.	12¢

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DEC 25TH

Guaranteed Meats

HENS, Dressed, pound		49¢
Fryers	Trophy, Dressed & Drawn Ready for the Skillet	Lb. 65¢
Loin Roast	Fresh Pork Loin End	Lb. 53¢
Fresh Oysters	Large Choice Eastern Select	Pint Can 89¢
Center Cut Pork Chops		Lb. 59¢
Fresh Pork Roast	Boston Butts	Lb. 55¢
Sliced Boiled Ham		Lb. 98¢
Skinless Wieners	No Waste	Lb. 39¢
Sliced Liver Cheese		Lb. 49¢
Assorted Lunch Loaves		Lb. 45¢
Cooked Salami	Sliced, Ready to Serve	Lb. 49¢



A very Merry Christmas to you from all of us at **SAFEWAY**

It'll Do It Every Time.
Jerk—"What happens when a body is immersed in water?"
Jenks—"The phone rings."
Got Him at a Raffle.
Bald millionaire to his new bride:
"I do wish you'd stop referring to me as the 'jackpot'."

A light breeze has a velocity of 13 miles per hour; a strong breeze, 34 miles; a strong gale, 56 miles; a storm, 75 miles, and a hurricane, 90 or more miles per hour.

Grateful for Survival.

In a tight-fisted congregation the hat was passed around one Sunday and returned absolutely empty. The pastor cast his eyes heavenward and said reverently:
"I thank Thee, oh Lord, that I got my hat back."

The great sand dunes of the Sahara frequently attain a height of 600 feet and under constant pressure of the winds, move forward at a rate of 60 to 70 feet a year.



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MANY HAPPY HOURS
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IN THE FUTURE.

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Hamlin

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Production Costs Must Be Cut.

For Georgia farmers to continue to grow cotton, it is mandatory that they reduce the cost of production. The mechanization trend seems to be the most definite solution.—C. C. Miller, Georgia Extension Service.

A tommyhawk is what if you go to sleep and wake without hair, there is an Indian with.

Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellyed, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

A Hobbled Crow?

Wife (to drunken husband)—"I suppose you expect me to believe that you came right home from the office?"

Husband—"Sure did (hic), straight as the crow flies."

Wife—"So I see. Stopping frequently for a little corn."

Presence of flea hoppers in cotton can be detected by looking for small, blackened, dead squares, less than a fourth of an inch in size.



Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.



This Merry Christmas
is to you.
There is no wish
we can give more true
than this jolly
old fellow
is now bringing
to you.

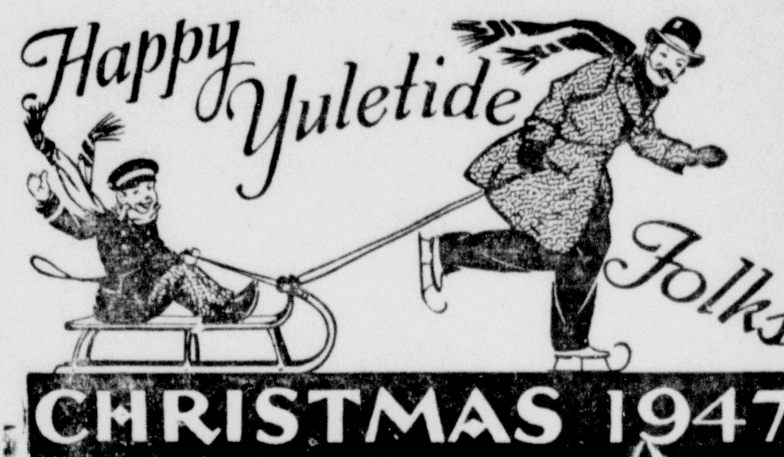
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TO YOU OUR MOST
SINCERE GOOD WISHES
FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND THAT IT
MAY BE
AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS
ONE FOR YOU.

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A Christmas of joy and contentment;
of peace, good cheer and happiness—
that is our wish for you
this joyous holiday season.

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Christmas With the Pioneers • Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

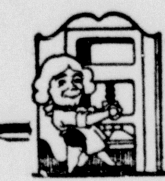
On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper. Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square



From Our Early Files

10 Years Ago

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue made a business trip and pleasure trip to Dallas, the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heard of Fort Worth, came up to spend the Christmas holidays with the home folks. Mrs. Heard is the former Miss Hattie Jo Bryson.

Mrs. Vera Nobles and Miss Mary Margaret of Lubbock came in Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pardue and little daughter, Nancy, are in Austin, spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bowman are sending a nice Christmas gift, The Hamlin Herald, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Harris in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Toler and little daughter, Suzanna, of Austin, arrived in Hamlin, Wednesday, to spend the holidays in the home of

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue.

25 Years Ago

Mrs. J. H. Vaezy returned Wednesday from an 18-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bridges in Littlefield, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Stewart, the Battery Man, are very happy over the arrival of a little son at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lake and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Johnson of Murphy are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adkins.

Mrs. Lacy who teaches at West Chapel left Monday night to go to her home in Fort Worth, to spend the holidays.

Misses Lora and Ethel Wainwright carried Mrs. Rees and Miss Gladys Wainwright to the station to catch the train to go to Stamford to attend the Teachers Institute, this week.



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each child, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

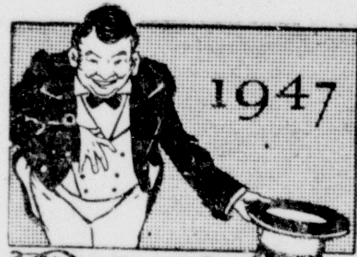
It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But with all these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



Greetings at CHRISTMAS

• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

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HEALTH • HAPPINESS • PROSPERITY

Once Again we greet the New Year in the traditional manner—with pealing bells, with fun and gaiety, laughter and music.

Despite his ingenuity, man still persists in "watching the old year out and greeting the new year" in almost the identical manner of his forefathers.

In that same identical manner, we extend our traditional New Year's greeting to you:

Producers Gin and Producers Bonded Warehouse

A FARMER'S INSTITUTION

Hamlin, Texas

Nearly one dollar's worth of electricity is consumed in swinging open the gaint doors of the airship dock housing the U. S. S. Akron.

Peace is the proper result of the Christian temper. It is the great kindness which our religion doth us, that it brings us to a settlement of mind, and a consistency within ourselves.—Bishop Patrick.

Everyone is looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



A JOLLY Christmas

★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere . . . in France, in Holland, in Sweden . . . and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

Limit Cafe

Loy Fry

Older by Far.

Teacher—"Why does a man's hair turn gray quicker than his mustache?"
Jimmy—"Cause it had a 20-year start."

Plenty of Reason for It.

He—"I've never seen such dreamy eyes before."
She—"You never stayed so late before!"

When the outlook is not good, try the uplook.—Thomas Carlyle

Makes Her Hopping Mad.

First Wife—"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"
Second Wife—"No, and it's terribly exasperating. He merely grins."

The shrike, or butcher bird, impales its victims on a thorn or fence barb before eating it.

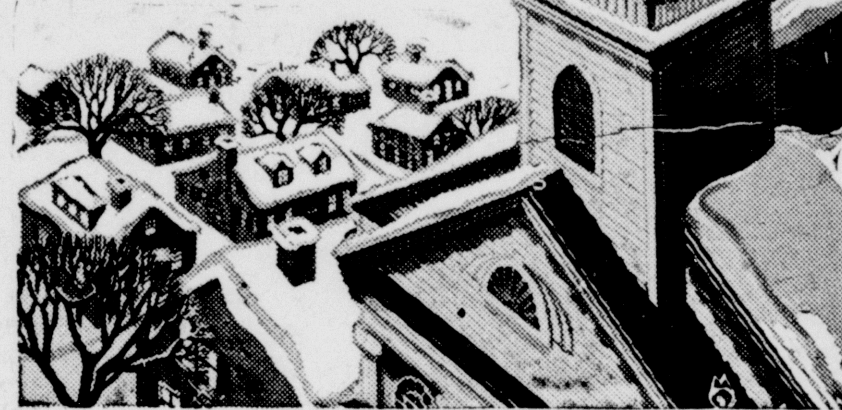
Arizona was the forty-eighth and last state admitted to the union. The date: February 14, 1912.

Starry Night

Oh! Holy Night! The tapering church spire watches over the village, inspiring peace and good will. Enjoy Christmas music at your church this year.

Modern Cleaners

Mrs. H. B. Briscoe
Mrs. Lucille Carpenter



The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Cottonseed Moves to Mill at Steady Rate As Prices Hold Up

Cottonseed movement to crushing mills increased in Texas and Oklahoma during the week, according to the certificates received by the U. Department of Agriculture's weekly report to The Herald.

Generally good weather for harvesting during the first part of last week and the preceding week allowed gins to operate at a rapid rate.

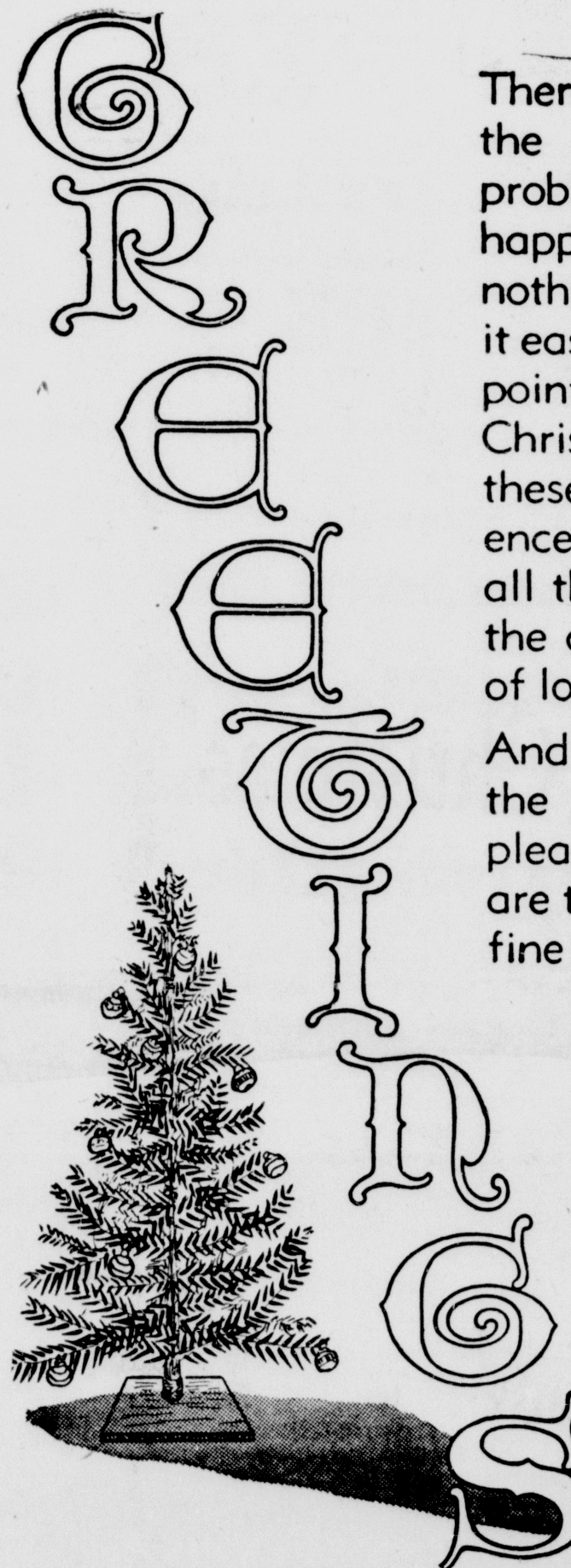
Prices in Texas for wagon lot seed f. o. b. gins advanced \$2.40 per ton during the week. Average price for the state was \$102.10 per ton as compared with \$99.70 last week. Texas prices ranged from \$95 to \$110 per ton, the highest being in the South Plains area.

Cottonseed grades average 104 in Texas, which was the same as last week. In Texas several quality discounts were made for excess foreign matter.

Prices for cottonseed oil and other vegetable oils have declined recently. The decline reflects the reluctance of consumers to follow the higher prices and the uncertainty of developments with respect to exports of oils and fats. Market activity probably will continue slow until after the holiday.

Elma Res Brawer, from the Shannon School of Nursing, San Angelo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brewer, during the holidays.

W. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Ray Ingham, Mrs. Mart Farrow, Rita Rimmer are having their 10th anniversary in Monterey, Mexico and they will visit in the Mrs. Gilbert says she will girls out of trouble. LaWillingham will join the cake care of them all.



There comes a time of the year when all the problems and unpleasant happenings fade into nothingness, when we find it easy to forget the disappointments of the past. Christmas overshadows these unhappy experiences and we see before us all the fine things of life, the courtesies and favors of loyal friends.

And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

The Merriest of All Christmases to You!

CITY DRUG STORE

Mrs. JOHN ED DAY — MILDRED KIRSHNER
RUTH HARRISON — JUANITA HARWELL

New Experiments Find Poison for All Cotton Pests

Boll weevils and every other cotton pest are doomed—if experiments by the Department of Agriculture pan out like it thinks they will.

Jones County cotton raisers and others are interested in experiments that are being made.

Benzene hexachloride, mixed with hexachloride, mixed with DDT, gave "outstanding control of heavy infestation" of practically every known cotton pest in experiments at Waco, the Bureau of Entomology reported Monday.

Its new mixture, five per cent DDT combined with benzene hexachloride containing three per cent gamma isomer, killed boll weevils, pink boll worms, cotton aphids, leaf worms, flea hoppers, tarnished and

A smart practice for the poultryman is raising at least 25 more pullets than he intends to house, so he can cull the poor birds.

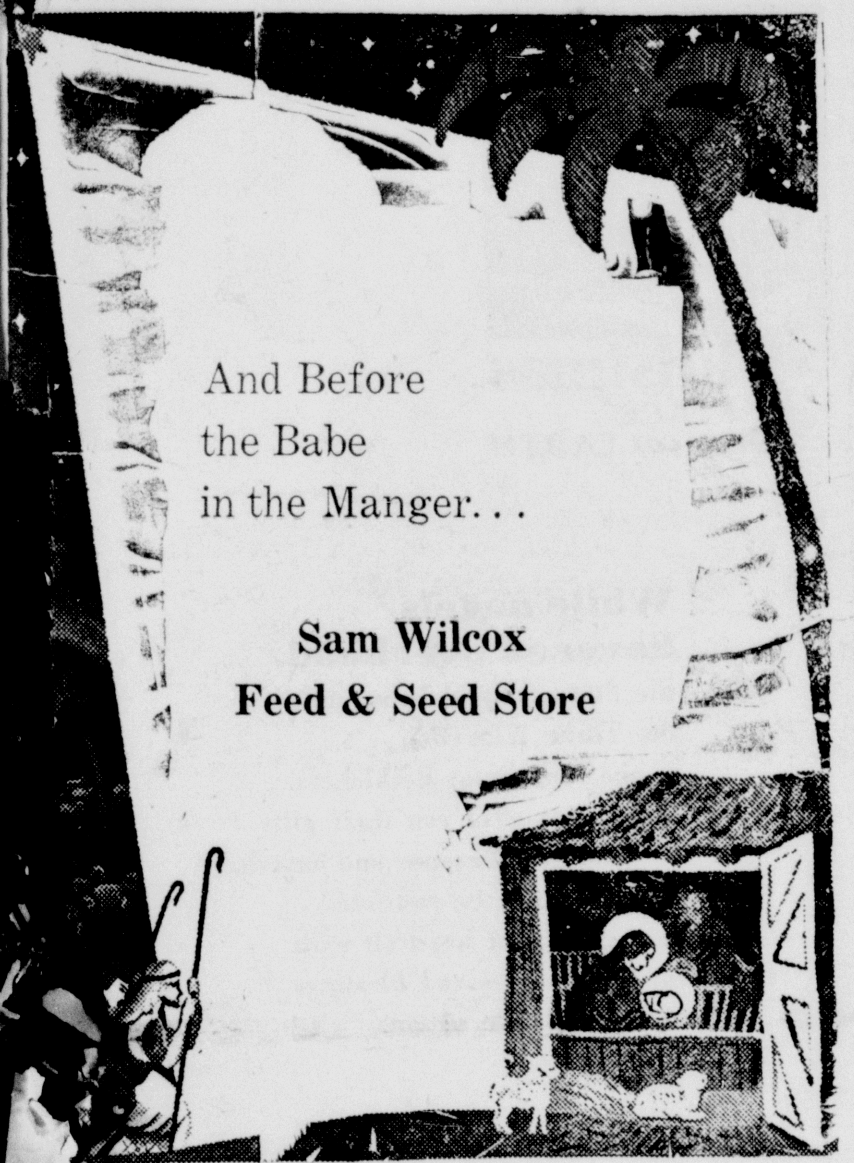
According to law, a cooperative marketing or buying association may be formed by five or more persons engaged in the production of agricultural products.

rapid plant bugs, thrips, loopers, stink bugs, webworms and Army worms, the bureau said.

"These benzene hexachloride mixtures gave a much quicker kill of the boll weevil and longer protection against the cotton leaf worm than did calcium arsenate (the standard boll weevil poison), the bureau stated.

It reported that another new poison, chlorinated camphene, "gave promising results" against practically all types of cotton insects in laboratory experiments, adding that fields treated with it produced 46 per cent more cotton than those treated with calcium arsenate.

And Before the Babe in the Manger...



Sam Wilcox Feed & Seed Store

BOYCE HOUSE "Gives You Texas"

It has been eight years since your columnist went to Hollywood to help a little in the making of "Boom Town"—but, like Irvin S. Cobb concerning his operation, I like to talk about it. Recently, the film was re-issued and has been going the rounds again.

One night, in Austin, attended a motion picture in technicolor, showing the twinkling lights of Hollywood seen from a height. Next day, I received a telegram asking me to come out and be technical advisor on "Boom Town,"—and two nights after seeing the twinkling lights of Hollywood in a movie, I was looking at those lights myself.

At the first story conference, which was a get-acquainted affair, Sam Zimbalist, the producer, said, "We are going to spend a million dollars"—this was when a million dollars was some money—"to make this picture; we want you to feel that it is your picture and if you have any ideas, it doesn't matter what they are, don't hesitate to speak at any time."

My friends will not need the assurance that I did not hesitate to speak.

However, I had a dilemma at the very next session, which was when we got down to discussing the story. Zimbalist said, "We will suppose that a well comes in, making 50,000 gallons of oil a day." I didn't know whether I was supposed to be one of those Hollywood "yes men" I'd heard about and nod my head in agreement or point out that, in oil circles, the production of a well is expressed in "barrels" not "gallons."

I decided if I was going to take their money, I ought to try to learn it by keeping the expressions technically correct, so I remarked that an oil man would speak of such a producer as about a thousand-barrel well (a barrel is, of course, 42 gallons). Zimbalist said, "All right" and went on.

It was several years later that John Lee Mahin, the principal writer on the script, visited Fort Worth and he told me that Zimbalist knew very well what the correct term was; he had had wanted to see if I knew.

My contract with Metro Goldwyn Meyer was for a minimum of two weeks and I figured that that would be the maximum, too, because they'd find out how little I knew by that time. Instead, I was there four months until all the writing had been completed. I was there so long I got scared I'd lose my Texas citizenship.

At the first story conference, I happened to mention that I noticed

THE WORLD AT YOUR DOOR — Jim Hulley



FARM GIRLS HAVE BEST CHANCE FOR MARRIAGE DOWN ON THE FARM!

THE RATIO IS 104 MEN TO 100 WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS; 96 MEN TO 100 WOMEN IN CITIES.

"I COUNT ONLY THE SUNNY HOURS"
INSCRIPTION ON SUNDIAL IN VIENNA

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IN 1674, IN NEW YORK, UNION BREAKERS WERE HIRED TO REPLACE UNION CORN AND WINE PORTERS WHO DEMANDED (AND WON) THE FIRST RECORDED CLOSED SHOP IN THE U.S.A.

August 1 Extension Given On Lapsed Service Insurance

Deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance under liberal regulations now in effect has been extended through next July, the Veterans Administration announced today.

Veterans can reinstate on this liberal basis providing their health is as it was at the time insurance lapsed, and pay two monthly premiums to restore their insurance protection. One premium is for the month of lapse and the other is for the month of reinstatement.

After next July, veterans will have to take physical examinations before their policies can be reinstated. Many of them may not be insurable, VA said.

Robert W. Elisson, West Texas Veterans Administration Regional Manager said the extension probably will accelerate the trend of

ed a world's champion was going to fight in Los Angeles next night—so an hour afterward, the secretary of Producer Jack Conway phoned me that if I would call at the box office of the fight club there would be two ringside seats for me.

Sure enough, there were — \$6.60 apiece was what they cost the generous Conway. I had two tickets to a world's championship bout—and didn't know a soul in the city. Looking around, I noticed a well-dressed man oww to one side, so I said, "I'll be glad to give you a ticket to the fight." He didn't even grunt—just turned and walked off.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the Nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

A bumper rice crop of 75,500,000 bushels is expected from U. S. rice growers this year. Such a crop would exceed last year's record crop 4 million bushels.

Tired of It All.

A big shot was reading a prepared speech at a convention of industrial tycoons. Toward the end of his speech he swung dramatically toward his climax as follows:

"The American business man is tired. When the war approached there were many problems that caused him much worry. Then all through the war he worked under countless handicaps and terrific pressure. And now, during the post-war period of adjustments, the many confusions and delays have created more strain and fatigue. Yet, the business man is tired. He is physically and mentally tired... but he isn't nearly so tired as the girls who have to type all this eye-wash!"

A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing and indecision as to what one should do.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Approximately 75 per cent of the farm homes in the U. S. are without running water.



No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

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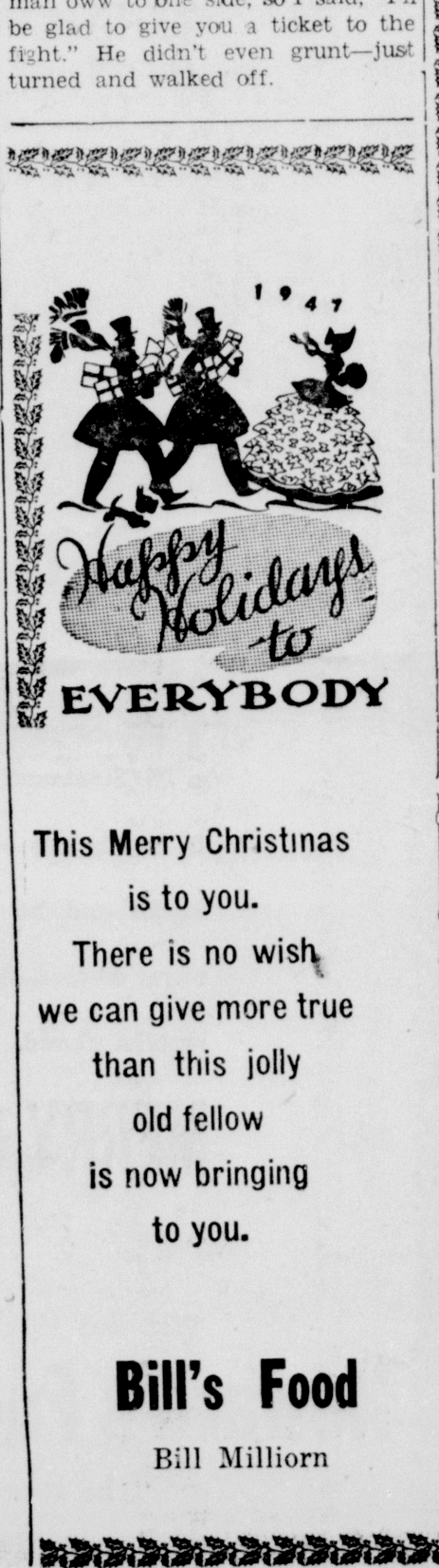
A Bright and Cherry Holiday to you All...



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Happy Holidays to EVERYBODY

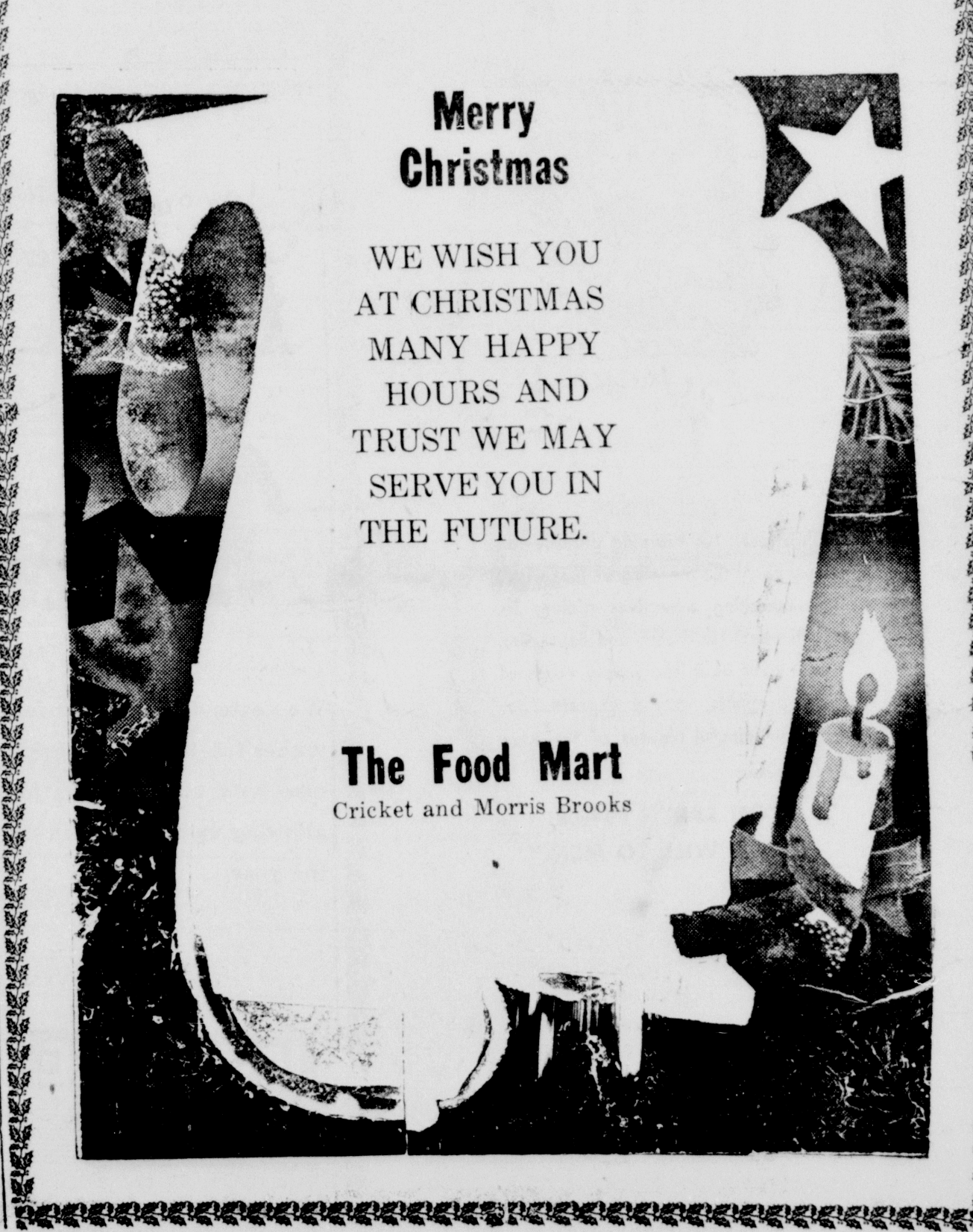
This Merry Christmas is to you.

There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

Bill's Food
Bill Milliron

Merry Christmas

WE WISH YOU AT CHRISTMAS MANY HAPPY HOURS AND TRUST WE MAY SERVE YOU IN THE FUTURE.



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Long Term—4 per cent Int. up to 40 years—“Tailored to fit” No appraisal fees—No loan fees—No commission—No title examination fees. The borrower gets the FULL amount of the loan at the low cost guaranteed interest rate of 4 per cent.

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Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

A new distribution of congressional districts is made every 10 years, after each federal census is taken.

Associated With Many Christmas Symbols



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

“Let us call our village also Bethlehem,” he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ODDITIES

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

Wearing Hip Boots?

Waitress—“May I help you with your soup, sir?”

Frank—“How do you mean, help me? I don’t need any help.”

Waitress—“Oh, I beg your pardon. From the sounds you were making I thought you probably wanted to be dragged ashore.”

Mose was brought up for the fourth speeding offense. He muttered under his breath something that sounded a lot like an oath.

“Repeat that!” snapped the judge.

“An says, God am de jedge, God am de jedge!”

SICK RADIO?

Let us be the “Doctor.”

FOR RADIO Repairs See—

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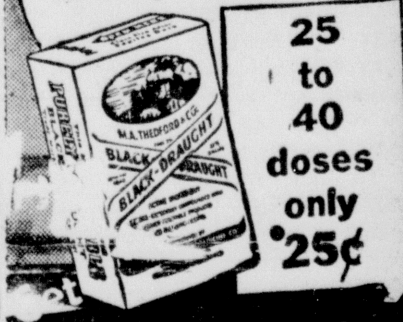
Unfortunate

Jim—“Say, Bill, what’s making you so angry?”

Bill—“Nothing much. I cut myse with a safety razor, burned myse with a safety match, and near got run over while reading a ‘Safe First’ notice.”

Need a LAXATIVE?

- 1. Usually prompt
- 2. Usually thorough
- 3. Always economical



BLACK-DRAUGHT



In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It’s natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Euell’s Dress Shop

Mary Carter



Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

Waiting for the Fireworks.

“The people in our part of town are watching the results of a very interesting conflict.”

“What is it?”
“An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor.”

Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for yuletide giving.

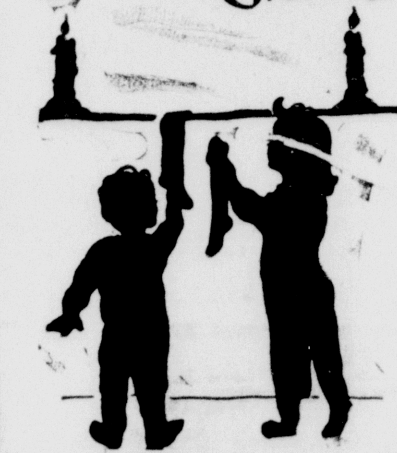
The state of Kansas received its name from an Indian tribe called the Kansas—meaning “People of the South Wind.”



Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

“ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN.”

Joyous Christmas Greetings



We extend our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas with many thanks for allowing us to serve you all the year.



• At Christmastime we greet good friends.

If ‘neath our roof you’ve rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Howard’s Food Market

“The Howards”



While angels hovered overhead,

the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men

to the Manger at Bethlehem.

We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Our gift must be restricted

to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

W. J. Brians

Insurance Agency

J. C. TURNER

Hughes Mens Store



In This Joyous Season of Christmas

We want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

James Furniture Co.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. James

The Book Shop

Mrs. E. M. Wilson

Farmers Cautioned About Putting Eggs into Farm and Ranch Land

Farm operator who buys land for it with the production of one or two seasons is the exception rather than the rule. Such are more than likely the result of the prices for the crops, price of land is climbing along, too.


Persons who are wondering whether to put their savings into farm or land at today's high prices should look at a recent analysis of the land market during four past periods—postwar, depression, recovery and the war.

Analysis, prepared by Joe L. Crockett of the Agricultural Extension Station of Texas A. & M. University, and John H. Southern, shows that farm income is the main factor determining prices. Prospective buyers are wise to watch the trends of the principal commodities that provide the farm income, as these prices tend to lead the land market by a year or more.

In some areas, a single important commodity sets the pace, as peanuts in the West Cross Timbers, while in other areas, a combination of enterprises influences land prices. Beef cattle, rice and cotton along the Gulf Coast, for instance, or cattle, sheep and goats in the Edwards Plateau, must be considered in calculations for these areas.

Government price and export programs may also alter land prices, and buyers might take into consideration that five of Texas' most important farm commodities—cotton, corn, wheat, rice and peanuts for nuts—are covered by price guarantees at 90 per cent of parity or more through 1948.

The status of mineral rights is among other items reflected in the market values of Texas land. Separate ownership of mineral rights lowered surface values by more than



1947
Happiest Christmas ever

WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!

Land prices have already reached "boom" proportions in some sections of the state, particularly in grazing areas, but some of the usual characteristics of a boom are lacking in the present market. One of the bright spots right now is the high percentage of cash transactions and accompanying low volume of mortgage indebtedness.

Stubbs Shoe Shop

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Stubbs and Sammy



May Christmas days be yours 1947

Never a Christmas morning, never an old year ends, that someone thinks of someone—d days, old times, old friends!

Style Mart

A. Hudson—Mrs. W. C. Matchett
Pearl Hudson



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

- Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.
- Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.
- Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.
- Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.
- Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Accomplish Same Purpose.
A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinese placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave and cynically asked:
"What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat rice?"
The Chinese replied with a smile, "Same time your friend come up to smell flowers."

What Would He Do?
Hubby—"Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"
Wife—"No, but I have often wondered what Rockefeller would do if he had mine."


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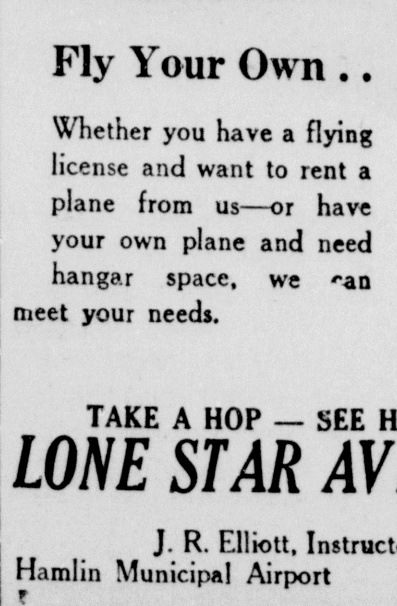
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LONE STAR AVIATION SCHOOL
J. R. Elliott, Instructor and Local Manager
Hamlin Municipal Airport Hamlin, Texas

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

Explanation for the Simple.
It wouldn't be wise to count the small farmer out too early when the machine takes over in cotton production. He has demonstrated his resourcefulness many times in the past. Often he can get by and make a living when the big farmers are going busted. The small farmer will make it.—Louisiana Extension Service.

Although covered with snow, parts of the polar regions are as arid as the Sahara Desert, having an annual rainfall of less than 10 inches.

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Merry Christmas to one and all

One man — one of many — created a character who in child-like faith and all-embracing love will live through the centuries as the symbol of Christmas.

The man was Charles Dickens; his character was Tiny Tim. And in the words of Tiny Tim, oft-repeated, we'd like to say:

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE"

Electric Service Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harris



CHRISTMAS FOOD



Values FOR THE HOLIDAY Festivities

Sauce	Cranberry No. 1—tall can	21c	Shortening	Fluffo 3 lbs.	\$1.08
SUGAR	Pure Cane 5 lbs.	46c	SOAP—1c Sale	2 large Boxes	26c
Pineapple	Red & White No. 2 1/2 can	31c	Trend	Red & White 3 lb. jar	\$1.43
Cake Frost.	Dromedary 12 oz. Box	27c	Coffee	Candy Mix	32c
Bake Your Pie Now—			PEACANS — ALMONDS — WALNUTS		
Pumpkin	No. 2 Can	14c	BRAZIL NUTS		
Cake Flour	Softasilk Box	39c	Dates	Dromedary large box	22c



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



QUALITY MEATS

Carrots, bunch.....	5c	HAMS	4 to about 5 pound	45c
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Oranges, Tex., lb....	9c	HENS	Dressed pound	53c
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Coltharp Food Store



to Santa Claus . .

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl four years old and have been pretty good. So please leave me some dishes, bass drum, electric iron on ironing board and toy piano. Please fill my stocking also. And don't forget my little sister, Janice Raye.

Thank you,
De Netta Jean McCracken

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a good size roller coaster wagon candy and nuts, a M Farmall tractor and tools. I am five years old and have been a good little boy. Don't forget my little cousin Barbara Ann.

Thanks,
Clyde Willson Hodnett

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train, a typewriter and a fire truck and a cowboy on an ice truck, a drum, a cash register.

My sister wants a doll and some candy.

Your friend,
Larry Sarrett
Route 3, Hamlin

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. I want a bicycle for Christmas. You have been very nice to me.

Love,
Mary Jo Hubbard

Dear Santa:
I want a doll buggy for Christmas and Billy Charles wants a fire truck for Christmas. Do not forget mother.

Also remember all poor children.
Love,
Saella Jo Goodman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. My name is Sandy Sue Smith. Will you bring me a little car I can ride in, and a doll with curly hair. I also want a little push car I can ride my dolly in. I'd like to have a set of dishes. Please bring all the little girls and boys something too. I already have my stocking hung up to put candy in. I'll have you some cake under the Christmas tree.

Bye,
Sandy Sue Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of Chappps and two pearl handle guns and a hat. My sister wants a baby doll that has a bottle and clothes.

Travis Stevens.
McCauley, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll dressed like a bride and a music box and also a nurses' kit because you see I want to be a nurse when I grow up don't forget all my little cousins. I'm a little girl six years old and I hope to see you Christmas.

Love,
Lynda Karen Dutton.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric train. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Stephen Carmichael.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an army tank and a jumping jeep and a car transport and a snow tractor and a stage car and a fire truck and a wind up train.

I have been very good Santa Claus. If you can't get all of this that is ok. But I do want a train and the fire truck and the car transport and the stage car and army tank.

The army tank cost \$3.19 and the snow tractor costs \$1.39 and the fire truck costs \$2.69 and the car transport costs \$2.29 and the jumping jeep costs 89c and the stage car costs \$2.69 and I don't know what the train will cost.

P. S. I love you Santa Claus. Goodbye I have to go to bed now. (Rowland sent pictures of all these toys.)

Loy Fry Jr. is home to spend part of the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Fry Sr. He is employed in Dallas with the Pioneer Air Lines.

Les Cowan, who is attending McMurry College, Abilene, is home for the holidays.

Virgil Bowman and Milton Timms of San Angelo were guests in the R. E. Brewer home Sunday.

BOZO BUTTS—THEY DRIVE HIM NUTS



By RUBE GOLDBERG

Elegance of language may not be in the power of all of us; but simplicity and straight-forwardness are. Write much as you would speak; speak as you think.—Alford.

In the last few years, U. S. rice growers have harvested an average of 70 million bushels a year.

An old penal code of China provided that a man could obtain a divorce if his wife was too talkative, or if she ignored his parents.

Forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska and the Virgin Islands now have programs in operation under the National School Lunch Act.

Prosperity is too apt to prevent us from examining our conduct; but adversity leads us to think properly of our state, and so is most beneficial to us.—Johnson.

Between 1930 and 1946, inclusive, the highest average weight of cattle slaughtered under federal inspection was 961 pounds in 1941 and the lightest was 939 pounds in 1935.

That Proves It.

"What pretty hair you have, Mary," said the visitor. "You must have gotten it from your mother." "No," replied little Mary, "I must have gotten it from daddy; his is all gone!"

If a husband's words are sharp, maybe it's from trying to get them in edgewise.

Limit of Her Endurance.

Wife (to husband who had had few drinks too many)—"No, I can forgive you, Archibald. This is the end. If this were the first time would be different, but you came home in the same condition in November, 1918."

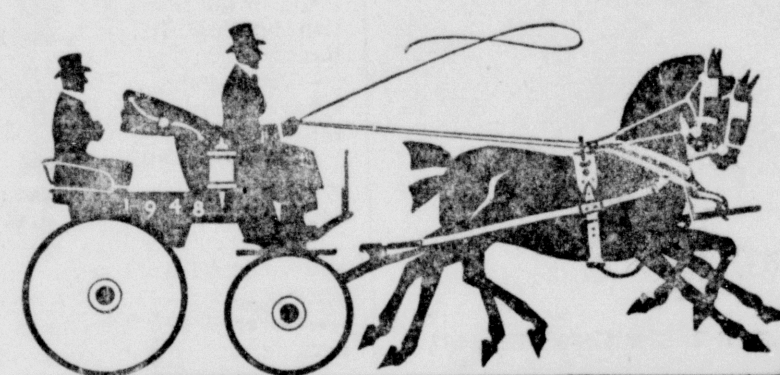
Ed Swann of Rotan is working for The Herald this week.



Listen to the beautiful melody of the bells. To one and all—they bring good cheer, happiness, health. To the world, they sound the call:—"peace and good will towards men." Go to Church Christmas Day.

R. B. Spencer & Company, Lumber

Merry Christmas



A Happy New Year to All

● At the magic stroke of 12, the New will make its advent, marking the turn of another page in the book of our life. There is before us a clean white page of snow-white marble, whereon be recorded the events of the coming year. What shall be written thereon?

● A saga of peace and contentment, of happiness and joy, of health and happiness. That is our wish for you on the threshold of 1948.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS—everyone of you a MAS! The entire staff of this theatre wishes each . . . and happy . . . HAPPY HOLIDAY!



Merry Christmas

. . . time for us to turn from our daily routines . . . and join good, old St. Nick . . . in wishing a Merry Holiday to all the friends and patrons we've had the privilege of serving in the past
MAY WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS 1948

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TWO little words—they've been said over and over again for generations—but they still express the spirit of the season! "Merry Christmas" to you and yours. Even if you don't believe in exchanging costly presents—don't miss the joy of exchanging those friendly words, and the trifling remembrances which make come true.

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Throckmorton Wins First Place In Cage Tourney

Throckmorton easily carried off first honors in the basketball tournament held here last week, and from the start it was only a question of who would be runner-up, as the rest of the teams entered were clearly out-classed by Throckmorton.

Hamlin won the position of runner-up and Roby took the consolation prize.

Throckmorton placed three on the all-tournament team—Halbert, center; Putman, guard, and Denham, forward. Hamlin's Jack Owens, guard, and Anson's Bridges, were the other two members of the team. Silver basketballs were presented to the five men.

The VFW quintet beat an all-star outside team following the tournament by a score of 53 to 39, and the game furnished many thrills for the onlookers, as the bars were down and most anything was legal.

VFW is scheduled to play the Jaycees at Roby on December 26, and will play here December 29, but an opponent for the latter game has not yet been chosen.

Striplin Completes Mechanics Course

Pfc. William A. Striplin, husband of Mrs. Leota Fannin Striplin of Hamlin has graduated from one of the world's greatest educational programs—one of the Air Training Command's airplane mechanics training courses at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Hamlin friends were informed this week.

His training at the school covered basic airplane and engine mechanic operations. The technical course extended over a period of approximately 16 weeks and included instruction in aircraft electrical systems, engine operation, fuel and oil systems, propellers, structures, instruments and basic inspection. All of this qualified him for additional specialized training in the maintenance of heavy bombers, cargo planes, jeep and rotor aircraft.

Texas Cotton Yield Estimate Is Increased

A release to The Herald this week from the government agricultural stations estimated the Texas cotton will reach 3,360,000 bales of pounds gross weight. This December estimate is 110,000 bales more than that of November 1.

The predicted yield of 195 pounds harvested acre is 27 pounds above the 1936-45 average and only two pounds under the near record yield of 197 pounds per acre harvested in 1947. Scurry County's per acre yield is about the average.

Virtually all of the increase over last month's indicated production is accounted for in the High Plains counties of the northwest.

Every luminary in the constellation of human greatness, like the stars, comes out of the darkness to shine with the reflected glory of God.—Mary Baker Eddy.

I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers.—Kahlil Gibran.

TO HERALD READERS

Another Christmas... soon another year. May the spirit of Christmas make each of us better men and women in the year to come! May the New Year spare us suffering beyond our strength, and may it bring joy to your home!

The Hamlin Herald and its staff extends the season's greetings to all its readers, thanks to the business interests of Hamlin for the liberal patronage accorded it in this issue, and other issues throughout the past year.

To all... a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE HAMLIN HERALD
Willard Jones, Publisher;
F. E. Forgy, Editor and
Manager; Mrs. F. E. Forgy,
Advertising; Miss
Marjorie Steed, Bookkeeper;
June Jones, Foreman;
Ed Swann, Linotype Operator
and Floorman; Grady
Lackey, Pressman; Charles
Binnicker, Utility.

Gasoline Up Two Cents at Hamlin Service Stations

Gasoline prices went up two cents per gallon in Hamlin Saturday.

Three companies Friday announced increased tank wagon prices, following the recent 50-cent-per-barrel hike in crude prices.

The Texas Company and Continental Oil Company gasoline cost per gallon will be 1 1/2 cents more for all grades according to local agents for the companies.

Gulf Refining Company prices, effective at 7 a. m. Saturday, will be 1 1/2 cents more for regular and premium gasoline, and two cents more for third grade.

Service station operators handling the companies products reported generally that their prices had been raised the same amount. This made regular gasoline 24 cents per gallon and ethyl gasoline 26 cents.

Lubricating oil also advanced five cents per quart in the Saturday advance.

Texas Plumbers Must Secure State License Prior to January 5

Plumbers of Hamlin and the rest of Texas who do no secure state licenses before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas license law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the act, but will also be required to take an examination. C. E. Belk, administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board, warned at Austin this week.

The law, passed by the last Legislature provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications postmarked on or before January 5 will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new licenses would require an examination. State licenses now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

A majority of Texas cities have already amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the state law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected will complete conformance procedures by not later than January 5.

Jones County HDC Stages Christmas Party Dec. 16

Jones County Home Demonstration Club women met at the Veterans Building in Anson December 16 at 2:00 o'clock for the annual Home Demonstration Christmas party. The building was beautifully decorated by the New Hope HD Club and the Blue Bonnet Club provided the Babe in the Manger scene.

Program entitled, "The First Christmas" was planned by Mrs. Karl Banneaux of the Goodman Club. As Mrs. Charley Myatt read the story of the birth of Christ, it was acted out by different club members. Mrs. Dewey Ramsey acted as Mary, Mrs. Clyde Chancey as Joseph, and Nellie Huddleston, 4-H Club girl acted as the guiding angel. Carpenters Gap was responsible for the singing. Avoca and Willow Creek Clubs had Christmas poems, Union Club acted as shepherds, Goodman Club acted as the wise men.

After the Story of Christmas, Mrs. C. E. Carlton said the poem "The Night Before Christmas". Just as she finished the reading, "Jingle Bells" could be heard in the distance and soon Santa appeared and gave gifts to the crowd.

Tuxedo Club had charge of refreshments which were served after everyone looked at the gifts from Santa.

A total of 11 of the 12 clubs in the county were represented with an attendance of 73.

Tasty Cranberry Relish Ideal for Christmas Dinner

Cranberries are in season now and good on the menu any time, especially for Christmas dinner, but have you tried them chopped raw with oranges? Here's a quick and easy way to get a tasty relish:

All that you need to do is wash four cups of cranberries, run them through the food chopper with two oranges—skin, too—that have been quartered and seeded. Then mix well with enough sugar to suit your taste. It will probably take about two cups of sugar for this amount of cranberries. Chill the mixture a few hours before you're ready to serve. You'll have about a quart of the relish.

Another good thing about this

N.F.L.A. Stockholders Reelect Buie-Upshaw As New Directors

At the annual meeting of the Stockholder-members of The Jones County National Farm Loan Association, its offices in Anson, on Wednesday morning, December 17, 1947, the stockholders reelected R. B. Buie and C. F. Upshaw, both of Stamford, as directors to serve the association for three year terms.

The annual report of the secretary-treasurer of the association reflected that the organization is in excellent financial condition, there being no delinquent loans in the Association at this time. During the past year the association paid two 5% dividends to its stockholder-members, making their average interest on Federal Land Bank loans cost only 3.42%. Joe Breed, who serves the association as secretary-treasurer, pointed out that this is the lowest cost for real estate loans in the history of the Land Bank system.

Following the annual stockholders' meeting, the directors of the association met and set up its organization for 1948. D. W. Crumpler of Anson was reelected president. Other officers are Joe L. Culbertson, vice-president; Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Maude Pittman, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. B. Buie, C. F. Upshaw and L. H. McBride are the other directors of the association.

Record Sales Enjoyed By Hamlin Concerns

Record sales are reported by most Hamlin stores for the Christmas season, a check-up by The Herald first of the week revealed.

Department stores, auto supply and appliance firms, grocery stores and specialty shops and others say that because of better stocks made available by their wholesale sources they did big businesses during the past 30 days.

Relish besides its taste and ease of preparation is the fact that you can keep it in the refrigerator for several weeks. That is, if your family doesn't eat it all at one meal!

Variations are easy too. Two apples, peeled, cored and diced may be added with the oranges. Or one-half cup each of diced carrots and celery. One cup of fresh grapefruit segments, or crushed pineapple can be used to vary the flavor for the relish. Try it and see how your family will like it.

Republican Plan for Voluntary Idea Of Price Decreases Passed by House

Hamlin area people will be interested to learn that the Republican plan for voluntary action to bring down the high cost of living was passed by the House, 281 to 73 Friday and sent to President Truman, who had asked in vain for power to impose compulsory controls.

Officials close to the White House predicted Friday night that the president would sign the bill, but at the same time would issue a statement criticizing it. He already has taken the position that it is inadequate and amounts to passing the inflation buck to him.

It provides for self-disciplinary agreements in industry, business and agriculture with a view to combating inflation. If the president approved the agreements, those entering them would be protected from anti-trust action.

The president had asked for standby power to impose controls on prices and wages and return to rationing in selected areas of the economy.

On the final House vote, 178 Republicans were joined by 102 Demo-

crats and one American-Laborite in support of the Republican bill. Opposing were 44 Democrats and 29 Republicans. Congressman Omar Burleson of the 19th Texas District opposed the measure.

Previously the House rejected, 156 to 73, a Democratic effort to give the president compulsory powers over the allocation of scarce commodities.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich) of the House Banking Committee, shouted that this "would give the president power to control our economy, which could result in its socialization."

Representative Monroney (D-Okla), who offered the proposal shouted back that the statement was unfair and not based on fact. Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, the Democratic whip, wagged his finger at GOP members and said responsibility for the legislation rests "unconditionally on the Republican Party."

Final House action came after Republicans forced through—amid Democratic cries of "gag rule"—procedures prohibiting amendments and limiting debate to one hour.

Safety Rules for Christmas Given By City Official

Fire safety rules can safeguard homes here from Yuletide disaster, Hamlin city official warns today. The Christmas season brings special hazards. Official emphasizes that each year Christmas trees start fires in thousands of homes. Christmas lighting is responsible for many other blazes. Dwellings, stores and clubs are all menaced by flimsy decorations made of flammable material.

He also offered these many suggestions to eliminate or reduce seasonal hazards: Make sure that the tree is solidly placed to avoid upset; keep the tree standing in water to increase its fire resistance; have an approved fire extinguisher handy at all times. Inspect Christmas lights for frayed wires or loose sockets, and remember to put Christmas tree lights out before going to bed. Lighted candles should not be used around the tree, or the tree should not be placed near open flames.

City official also reminds club managers and operators of public places to guard against fire. Fire in any crowded public building may lead to panic, where exits are inadequate to take care of so many people in a hurry. Aisles and exits should be kept unobstructed. Newton also warns anyone who has fireworks stored in their homes or places of business.

Fire is an uninvited guest—keep it out.

Methodist Leaders Selected Speakers For Lectureships

Through a news release to The Herald readers an announcement of the fact that two Methodist leaders have been selected as speakers for the Third Annual Willson lectures to be held January 27 thru 30 at McMurry College, Abilene, president of the school said this week.

Dorothy McConnell, co-editor of World Outlook, the Methodist general missionary magazine and D. Hazen G. Warner, of the department of practical theology, Drew University are the speakers.

Willson lectures, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Willson of Floydada make it possible for the college to bring an outstanding man and woman to the campus for a series of lectures in the general field of Christian life service. They are non-sectarian and are open to all persons interested. Pastors and lay church workers in the Methodist church of Northwest Texas and New Mexico are especially expected to attend, the spokesman stated.

McConnell has served the Methodist church as a social worker, editorial writer for the board of missions and has traveled in many countries and written several volumes of children's stories. She is a board member of the National YWCA and several other commissions and committees.

Dr. Warner, a Methodist minister and author, developed the "clinic" approach to personal troubles, domestic problems in cooperation with the Detroit Police, health department and medical center. He is widely known as a speaker and lecturer on religious life and religious emphasis programs.

Many members of the Hamlin Methodist Church are expected to attend the lectures along with other interested parties.

When Connecticut adopted its constitution in 1639 it was the first time in history when a government was organized and refined by a written constitution.

Test of Initial Production Jones Co. Well Saturday

LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS TO CLOSE THURSDAY

Most Hamlin business houses were planning to observe Christmas with only one day missed from regular operations, a survey made by The Herald Monday morning indicated. Certain groups of businesses, however had agreed to take two days off by closing for Thursday and Friday both.

Cafes and filling stations probably will be open all day, shifting their forces some to permit part of the day to be taken off for family get-togethers.

All schools of the county will be out at least a week, and some of them for two weeks. Hamlin schools closed last Friday and will start classes soon.

Hamlin post office will be closed Christmas Day, but mail will be put in post office boxes Thursday. Rural routes will not run Christmas Day.

No special observances of Christmas Day are slated by any group as far as The Herald could learn Monday. Hamlin churches gave special Christmas programs Sunday.

Raise in Water Rates Effective Here February 1

City council at its regular meeting on Dec. 16 voted unanimously to increase the present water rates 20c to 30c per 1,000 gallons above the regular present minimum, effective January 1st.

This move was instituted by the fact that various materials, labors and supplies have increased in costs the past few months and also some improvements to the benefit of consumers has been proposed in the future with additional cost to the City.

Hamlin City Council made studies of neighboring cities' rates and found that water rates here are in most instances below that of other cities with corresponding facilities.

Present minimum is \$2.00 for the first 3,000 gallons. The new rate will not affect the minimum users. All bills sent out January 1 are computed on the old rate but bills sent out February 1st will carry the new rate.

Christmas Mail This Year in Heavy Flow

Christmas mail was flowing through the Hamlin post office at a fast rate over the week end and volume probably will continue to be heavy through Wednesday, Postmaster Perry Sparks said.

Sparks said he believes that the volume of Christmas mail received in the post office here last week-end will exceed that for the same period last year.

When a soil rests on the parent rock strata from which it was largely formed it is called residual. When the soil is composed of materials removed from their place of streams, it is termed transported.

The name Illinois is a combination of Indian and French words meaning "band of men."

Almost 60 per cent of the farms in the U. S. now have electricity.

Early Indians called the Potomac the "River of Swans".

The Egyptians are the earliest people known to us as a nation. New Mexico's wheat harvest of 10,000,000 bushels was the largest in its history.

Drilling of plug has been completed and initial production test were to be started Saturday on the most promising Jones county discovery in several months, the Ungren & Frazier et al No. 1 H. L. Bartlett, 10 miles west of Anson.

Showing for production from Swastika sand at 3,232-42 feet, tubing was run to the pay zone after plug was drilled in casing at 3,230. On drillstem test of the section earlier in the week, the well had had gas to surface in three minutes, began flowing in 17 minutes, and made a continuous flow through the remainder of a one-hour test.

A second good producer for the recently opened extension to the Hardy field, eight miles north of Anson, was indicated Saturday as operators ran electric log prior to setting casing on the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. No. 2 E. V. Hardwick, 1,460 feet from the south and west lines of the 300 acre Hardwick track in section 11 block 4 H&TC survey.

The well topped the Hardy sand at 3,658 feet and cut 30 feet of saturation. Bottom of the hole is 3,748.

Meanwhile, drilling had begun or was expected to be started within the next few days on five new wildcats in various sections of the county.

Surface casing has been set and drilling was expected to be started by this weekend on the attempt at deeper production in the Griffin field a half mile east of Avoca, Ungren & Frazier et al No. 5 Cox & Hamilton estate, 467 feet from the east and 1,384 from the north line of section 21 block 3 H&TC survey.

On permit for 5,400 feet with rotary, the test is not to be completed in any formation above 3,270 feet.

Five miles southeast of Stamford rig was expected to be moved in this weekend for the West Central Drilling Co. No. 1 S. N. Humphrey, 2,100 feet from the east and 330 from the south line of section 2 H&TC survey.

On permit for 5,000 feet with rotary, it is due to test through the Strawn.

Seven miles northeast of Avoca, Jones & Stasney et al have filed location for a new 3,400 feet wildcat, a Swastika test, as the No. 1 Hansen and Harrison, 330 feet from the west and 2,079 from the north line of section 8 block 3 H&TC survey. It is due to start early in the week.

Surface casing was to be set this weekend on the T. A. Kirk et al No. 1 Bula Phillips, ten miles west of Anson. A projected 3,300 foot test with rotary. It is located 3,000 feet from the north and 3,856 from the west line of Harrison county school lands survey 334.

Four miles north of Hawley, drilling began below surface casing Saturday morning on the Hunt Oil Co. No. 1 W. H. Hollis et al, 990 feet from the east and 330 from the north line of the south half of the northwest quarter of section 26 block 15 T&P survey. It is on permit for 2,600 feet with rotary.

The roadrunner, a bird that can pace a horse for miles, will attack a rattlesnake, sidestepping the deadly fangs by agile footwork, and pecking the snake to death while it is uncoiled.

If blister beetles are beginning to attack your fall tomatoes, dust the insects with 25 per cent DDT and keep them dusted until they die out or make a retreat.

Maybe Two Got Away.

Wife—"How many fish was it you caught on Saturday, Harry?"
Husband—"Sir, darling—all beauties."

Wife—"I thought so. That fish shop has made a mistake again. They've charged us for eight."

Texas is considered to be one of the most fertile fields in North America for archaeological research.

Power of Suggestion.

Jones—"What are you cutting out of the paper?"
Smith—"A story about a man who got a divorce because his wife went through his pockets every night."
Jones—"What are you going to do with it?"
Smith—"Put it in my pocket tonight."

Many of the states have names



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

The first visit of white men to the Texas coast took place only 27 years after the discovery of America.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Is He Being Horsey?

Traveler—"The real reason I'm a traveling salesman is that my wife is like a stable full of decrepit old horses."

Friend—"How's that?"
Traveler—"Nag, nag, nag!"

Are There Two Varieties?

"Tell me, do men like the talkative women as well as the other kind?" asked a young matron.

While her husband replied: "What other kind?"

She Saw Through It.

Jane—"How old are you?"
Mabel—"I just turned twenty-three."
Jane—"I get it. Thirty-two."

Little Damage to Car by Fire.

Members of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department answered a call last Friday morning, 10:05 o'clock, when the 1936 Ford of Miss Naomi Strayhorn caught on fire across the street from the hospital. Slight damage resulted to the ignition wiring.

Most notable of the Texas stone resources are the granites of the Burnet-Llano and Trans-Pecos belts.

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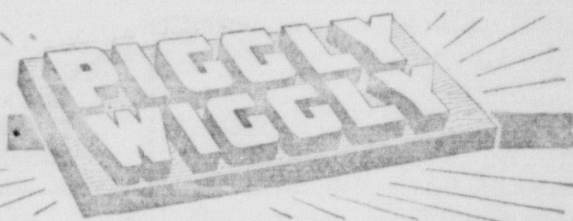
Each year, we realize more fully that our friendships with our customers are one of the things that make life more worthwhile. Our daily experiences have always confirmed this feeling.

So we would like to take the opportunity Christmas gives us to tell you that your friendship is one of the most valued possessions we have.

And during this holiday season, while we're "remembering," we also want to tell you of our sincere appreciation for your generous and loyal patronage—your confidence—your cooperation—your evident good will, which we hope we may continue to enjoy through the many years to come.

And so to you, one of our family of friends, we extend our most cordial Christmas Greetings. May the coming New Year bring you abundant good fortune and abiding cheer.

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Christmas is rush time for Long Distance, too

Thousands of people like to make long distance calls at Christmas time and we like to do everything we can to help.

Lines will be crowded and there will be delays. But if you'd like to call someone, we'll do our very best to get the call through.

Long Distance will be on the job as usual over the holidays.

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And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

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Mrs. R. E. McCormick
Mrs. J. H. Foster

Mrs. Clyde Huff
Herman Treadwell

Safety Council Urges Caution in Holiday Driving

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!"

With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council announced this week a nation-wide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

The Christmas-New Year season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to Council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, three times as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period than on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, etc. More than 130 national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined forces with the Council in the year-end campaign. Together they seek to create in the public mind an awareness of the special holiday hazards, and to enlist voluntary cooperation on the part of every individual to hold accidents to a minimum this Christmas.

The Council emphasizes that the campaign is the final effort of the year to hold the 1947 traffic death toll below the 1946 total of 33,700.

At the end of the first nine months of this year, there was a small reduction in traffic deaths—four per cent—from the same period of 1946. But the final quarter of the year always is the one with the most traffic deaths.

"Christmastime is family time, the season of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties that bind us together—truly a season to be merry," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"But it is a season to worry, as well. The tragedy of an accident becomes even more poignant during the Yule season. It takes only a little forethought, a little extra care and, often, just a little extra courtesy to make certain a Christmas celebration of joy and festivity unshadowed by accidents.

"Remember—don't let death take your holiday."

The mocking bird is the official bird of Texas.

POLAR RENDEZVOUS



The far-flung activities of American submarines during World War II that brought the undersea craft to the home waters of the Japanese Empire in the van of the fighting fronts, are continued into peacetime as the submarines, like the USS Sennet (above), penetrate the Arctic and Antarctic. Submarines are important units of the Navy's postwar expeditions and projects probing the mysteries of distant oceans for scientific data to be used for future planning.

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

That's Different.

Kid Brother—"I'm gonna hang around till your boy friend comes—he always gives me a quarter to go to the movies."

Sister—"It's a marine tonight, so here's a dollar—and stay right here!"

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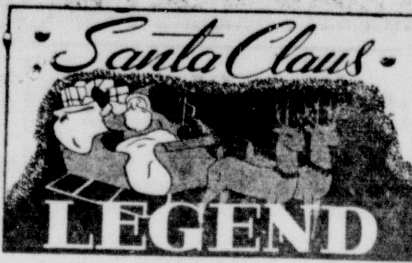
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A girl has to be an excellent actress. She must act as if she were insulted if a man makes a pass at her, and conceal her disappointment if he doesn't.

The normal pressure of the air at sea level is 14.7 pounds per square inch or more than 2,100 pounds per square foot.

Influenced by Gun.

"Gosh! That sounds like the war-don, and I've been afraid of firearms ever since my birth."

"Was your mother frightened by a gun?"

"No, but I think my father was."

Good Reason.

Father—"Willie, were you quiet at school today?"

Willie—"I'll say so. I went to sleep as soon as I got there, and the teacher said she'd punish anyone who woke me up!"

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Happy New Year



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

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Well, Doggone

"Well, mister," the farm woman replied, when the census-taker inquired about the political faith of her family, "we uns is kind o' mixed up. I'm a Republican, my husband's a Democrat, the baby's a Wet, the cow's Dry, and the dog belongs to the Reform Party."

"To the Reform Party?" queried the solicitor.

"Yes," the woman affirmed; "he don't do nothing but set around all day and howl."

The Hawaiian Islands were under a native monarchy until 1893, when a revolution deposed the queen and set up a provisional government. The Islands were annexed to the United States on July 7, 1898.

Encouragement Superb.

Visitor—"How did your horse happen to win the race?"
Jockey—"Well, I just kept whispering in his ear, 'Roses are red, violets are blue—horses that lose are made into glue!'"

Tactful

An American resident in China remonstrated with her house boy for taking her linen into her bedroom without knocking.

"That's all right, Missy," said the native. "Every time come, lookee in keyhole. Nothing on, no come in."

One pound of poultry or one dozen eggs is calorie-equivalent to five pounds of grain; one pound of beef is calorie-equivalent to two and one-half pounds of grain.



Another New Year!

There's a lift of the spirit,
a warming of the heart!
There's laughter and youth
... sixty joins hands with
twenty, and on this day the
old grow young and youth
throws off the grasp of time.
On this happy occasion
we wish for you the very
best that life affords!

Bill Dunwoody
SHERIFF

W. Lee O'Daniel "Cottons" to Idea of Running for Vice President of U. S.

W. Lee O'Daniel, junior senator from Texas, "cottons" to the suggestion he said has been made that he run for vice president on a ticket with General Douglas MacArthur. Hamlin area politically interested folks observed this week in reading press reports.

But he said it would have to be proven to him that "the rank and file of American citizens desire me."

O'Daniel said he was urged to run for vice president in a letter from George Armstrong, Fort Worth oil man, who said "such a ticket would sweep the country."

The Texas colon said the ticket would have to be that of a third party, which might be designated as the Jeffersonian Constitutional Party.

Armstrong also enclosed in his letter to O'Daniel a copy of a letter he had written to Karl Crowley, Fort Worth, outlining plans to incorporate a "constitutional foundation." Armstrong said he will give the foundation \$25,000 in 1948, \$50,000 annually and leave it millions upon his death.

O'Daniel said that he does not know the specific objectives of the foundation, but that he knows Armstrong's beliefs concerning the "protection of the constitution against radical new dealers" were similar to his own.

Armstrong's letter said that General George Van Horn Moseley, Atlanta, Georgia, former deputy chief of staff of MacArthur, would head the foundation.

O'Daniel's statement as to a campaign for vice president said in part:

"I am not interested one iota in the office of vice president, and I would prefer that the people select somebody else as running mate for General MacArthur, but when I first entered public service it was at the urgent request of the rank and file of the people and I have always served where they desired me to serve."

"Therefore, if and when it is proven to me that the great rank and file of American citizens desire me to run on a ticket with General MacArthur, as a means to get him drafted into that high of-

fice, and if it is agreeable to General MacArthur, I will give the matter serious consideration."

Santa Fe Carloadings Decline.

Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending December 13, 1947, were 28,202 compared with 28,422 for the same week in 1946. Cars received from connections totaled 11,495 compared with 10,956 for the same week in 1946. Total cars moved were 39,697 compared with 39,373 for the same week in 1946. Santa Fe handle a total of 40,050 cars in the preceding week of this year.

Betty Bailey of Houston is spending Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey.

Mrs. Jerry Nesbit of San Angelo is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie West.

Elmer Terrell Jr. has recently been discharged from the Marines.

Congress Adjourns After Passing Huge Foreign Aid Plan

Congress adjourned Friday night, ending a 33-day special session which enacted a 540 million-dollar foreign-aid program and a plan for voluntary industry checks on rising prices.

The Senate quit first, adjourning at 6:18 p. m. (CST).

The House followed at 6:32 after listening to a song by an impromptu quartet composed of Representatives.

The legislators will return January 6 for the regular session; and they already have a mounting stack of issues to tackle.

Biggest is the four-year, 17 billion-dollar Marshall Plan for restoring Europe to economic health.

Tons of statistical information, whole libraries of printed hearings, weeks of argument and debate will be expended as the legislators try to reach their decision on the quantity of aid to be offered and the method in which it will be extended. Mr. Truman estimated that the



Valeta Crow from Escondido, California, a beauty operator in Vesta, California; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Crow from North Little Rock, Arkansas, of Little Rock Junior College, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crow during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Whitaker of Throckmorton accompanied the Throckmorton ball team to Hamlin Saturday night where the finals of the tournament were played.

Pfc. W. C. Moore is spending the holidays with his parents and to attend the wedding of his sister and serve as best man. He is with the Marine Corps stationed at Quantico, Virginia after completing a course in radio school.

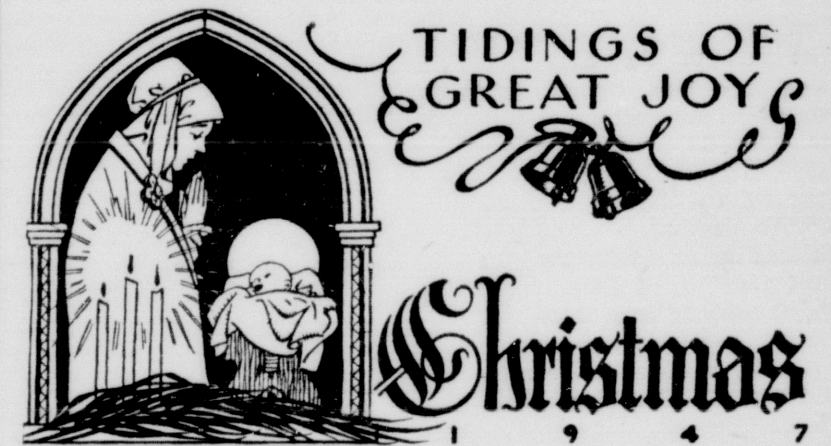
Rev. and Mrs. John H. Osteen and son are spending the Christmas holidays in Gentry, Arkansas with Mrs. Osteen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lott L. Shell, Prisma, and Lewis spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lott L. Shell Sr. in Georgetown.



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.



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FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3tfc

HUGHES MEN'S STORE—Bargains in men and ladies used clothing; holiday goods. 6-2p

FOR SALE—Plate glass, four by six and one-half feet.—Phone 240. 6-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT—Bedroom, close in, private entrance, prefer men.—Phone 545-W. 7-tfc

Business Services

MONUMENTS FOR SALE—Also curb work of all kinds.—M. L. Haught. 6-4p

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Real Estate for Sale

FOR SALE—McCaulley Barber Shop, including fixtures, lot and building.—J. M. Humphries, McCaulley. 7-2p

FOR SALE—One 50x90 lot, nice two room house and garage for car, gas, lights in house and city water in yard. Located 1/2 block west of high school, if cash will take \$1,600.—See B. C. May, owner, Box 773 or phone 257-W. 5-4p

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Poll Shows Half of Texas Families Have Blessing for Meals

A recent state-wide poll showed that five out of 10 Texas families say "grace" or a blessing before each meal.

A national organization polled families in the United States on this and other religious habits not long ago. The percentage of families in the country as a whole that say grace before each meal is four out of 10.

Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, extension family life education specialist for Texas A. & M. College, says that families tend to do in their own homes what they learned as children. One-half of the people who do not offer thanks before meals said that the custom had not been observed in their homes when they were children, while 84 out of 100 Texans who offer thanks reported that this was a family custom as they grew up.

Grace before each meal does more than give spiritual satisfaction, Mrs.

In the mating season the purple finch picks up a straw with his bill and handles it like a drum major in intricate maneuvers calculated to impress the chick of his choice. At the conclusion of his dance he falls dead as a 'possum—a bid for sympathy, to which the female responds by pecking at him until he gets up.

A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide, and whose opinion we can value at once for its justness and its sincerity.—Robert Hall.

Johnson says. The beauty and dignity of the blessing adds as much to the atmosphere of the meal as flowers, colorful linen or attractive china. The few moments of quiet before eating calms emotions and consequently the digestive system is in much better working order. This is particularly true for small children, but adults also benefit from the short respite from worry, haste or excitement.

It's an old-fashioned custom, perhaps, but it still fits in the modern picture of family life.

President Truman Tells Farm Bureau Federation Farmer Will Carry Load

Jones County members of the Farm Bureau and others were interested in the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, representing a million and a quarter farm families, in Chicago, last week.

At the opening session, delegates received greetings from President Truman. The chief executive expressed confidence that "The American farm family will continue to bear a heavy load of responsibility in meeting the world food emergency."

Truman added that the nation must maintain its productive capacity by conserving and rebuilding our soil to the greatest extent possible.

Edward O'Neal, retiring as farm bureau president after 16 years in office, gave the keynote address. Much, or most, of it was given over to domestic farm problems but O'Neal made it definitely clear that the people of agriculture are not isolationists. He touched at considerable length on world problems, urging federation support of the Marshall plan. O'Neal also gave his approval to the lower tariff program which this and 22 other nations endorsed a few months ago at a convention in Switzerland.

That the people of the federation are world minded was demonstrated

again when another speaker was introduced. It was Warren Austin, United States delegate to the United Nations.

He compared the risk of the proposed Marshall plan for Europe to those farmers taken when they plant crops. Said he: "The Marshall plan is an essential part of the task of building a strong United Nations."

But getting back to the federation's attention to domestic problems, O'Neal advised his organization to insist that Congress retain the parity program. Revisions, yes, but abolishment, no.

In this portion of his speech, O'Neal said of parity: "I do not object to changing it, I do plead with you to proceed with caution, so that the principle of fair-exchange value will not be weakened or destroyed."

He explained that the parity formula represents a relationship between prices of what he sells.

Yoga is the name given to a winter wheat, first experimented with in Montana.

One of nature's strangest freaks is the Ice Cave, a rock cavern near Decorah, Iowa, which reverses the laws of nature by being warm in winter and below freezing in spring and summer.

Group of 27 at Hardin-Simmons To Get Letters

A total of 27 Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene Cowboys will receive football letters for the 1947 season. Coach Warren B. Woodson has announced. Included in the group are nine newcomers, four three-year lettermen and 14 second-year men.

Books Allen, right halfback from Groves; Elmer Biddy, end from Paducah; Ray Cook, halfback from Baird; Wilton "Hook" Davis, halfback from Austin; Paul Frost, guard from Abilene; Nolan Harvey, halfback from El Centro, California; Hugh Higgins, guard from Cleburne; J. D. Kirby, fullback from Corpus Christi; and Tom Proctor, Abilene tackle; were listed as the first year lettermen.

Veterans Al Johnson, Dublin quarterback; Bullet Cook, Baird halfback; John "Red" Cleveland, Corpus Christi, center, and Jack Ellison, Hamlin guard; whose football career at Hardin-Simmons began as a freshman in 1941, were listed as the three year lettermen.

The remainder of the lettermen are two-year holders of letters. Including C. P. Pat Bailey, South Bend, Indiana; Paul Bailey, Abilene; Jack Bales, Midland; Jesse Clardy, Levelland; Leon Cooper, Reading, Penn.; Ivania; Joe England, Alvarado; Bob and Howard McChasney, Van Nuys, California; Herman Raphael, Stamford; Earl Rowan, Breckenridge; J. W. Steadman, Cleburne; Nefi Taylor, Levelland; Virgil Turner, Sweetwater and Raymond Toutman of Abilene.

Letter awards, the coach stated would be given the athletes at a later date.

The bush from which tea leaves are taken is an evergreen shrub, cultivated in China, and grows to a height of from three to five feet.

Crows, most intelligent of birds, have a remarkable social instinct. If one of them falls into a pond and is unable to rise, he will be helped ashore, first by one comrade and then another.

Farmer cooperatives own 13 per cent of the frozen food locker plants in the nation.

Ah Chute

"Please, sir, could I have the afternoon off?"
"Ah, yes, your grandmother, I suppose?"
"Exactly sir, she is making her first parachute jump."

Hortense Phenix is home from Carlsbad, New Mexico where she is a teacher in the schools.

Mrs. M. Y. Wilson Jr. and little daughter, Patty, of Mobile, Alabama, are spending the Xmas holidays with Mrs. M. Y. Wilson Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sipe and son, Billy and Patsy from Kingman, Arizona are spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Fannie West.

W. F. Martin was visiting in Hamlin Monday.



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

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Mrs. John C. Bryant



Style change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Leon Thurman

District Clerk



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

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SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas:
County of Jones:

By virtue of an order of sale issued by order of a judgement decree of the 104th District Court of Jones County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court, on the 10th day of October A. D., 1947, in a certain suit No. 6871, wherein The Hamlin Consolidated Independent School District, for itself and in behalf of Jones County and for the use and benefit of Jones County Road District No. 1, a municipal Corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and being a political subdivision of said County whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, is plaintiff, and the City of Hamlin and The State, Texas both municipal corporations, are Interveners, and, Bessie Bradley and all unknown heirs, assigns, and or Legal Representative of Bessie Bradley, deceased and all unknown Owners of the property hereinafter described are Defendants.

in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of \$27.25 with interest there

on at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 10th, 1947; in favor of the said Intervener, City of Hamlin for the sum of \$75.71 with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 10th, 1947; and in favor of the said Intervener, State of Texas for the sum of \$96.53 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of October 10th, 1947.

For delinquent School District and City and State and County ad valorem, taxes, together with the legal and total amount of penalties, interest, and costs of suit computed thereon, and the foreclosure of the Plaintiff's delinquent tax liens upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the Defendants because of the nonpayments of the taxes due thereon, within the time and in the manner provided for by law, same being the amounts of said judgement rendered in favor of said Plaintiff, Hamlin Independent School District for itself and in the capacity hereinabove set out, and said Interveners, State of Texas and City of Hamlin, by the said 104th District Court of Jones County, on the 10th day of October A. D., 1947, and to me directed and delivered as

Sheriff of Said Jones County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D., 1948, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Jones County, in the City of Anson between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest of said Defendants in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Jones and the State of Texas, and within the metes and bounds and territorial limits of said City and School District, to-wit:

Lot No. 1, Block No. 43, Original Town of Hamlin, Jones County, Texas, as the same appears on a map or plat of said Town, of record in the office of the County Clerk of Jones County, Texas.

subject, however, to the rights of the Defendants his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to redeem said property within the time and in the manner provided for by law, subject to the further rights of the Defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than

the whole and entire tract, as also provided for by law; and in the event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the said The Hamlin Consolidated Independent School District, for itself and in behalf of Jones County and for the use and benefit of Jones County Road District No. 1, a municipal corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and being a political subdivision of said County whose taxes are assessed and collected by the Tax Assessor and Collector thereof, in trust for the Interveners, City of Hamlin and State of Texas, both municipal corporations.—Bill Dunwoody, Sheriff, Jones County, Texas. By E. G. Bartlett, Deputy.

Dated at Anson, Texas this 8 day of December A. D., 1947. 6-4c

No Kidding.

The disgusted patron said to the restaurant waiter: "Waiter, this beef stew hasn't enough beef in it to even give a flavor."

The waiter said: "Sir, it isn't supposed to give it a flavor; we just put in enough to give it a name."

U. S. farmers use electricity in more than 350 different ways.

Not Following Doctor's Orders.

"What caused the coolness between you and that young doctor?" thought you were engaged."

"His writing is rather illegible, and he sent me a note calling for 10,000 kisses."

"Well?"

"I thought it was a prescription and took it to the druggist to be filled."

The word "Texas" is derived from the Indian greeting "Texas," which meant "Hello, friend." Hence the reference to Texas as meaning "friendly."

Waiting for the Message.

The lady of the house was entertaining her bridge club when the pattering of tiny feet was heard at the head of the stairs. She raised her hand for silence.

"Hush," she said softly, "the children are going to deliver their good-night message. It always gives me such a feeling of reverence to hear them. Listen."

There was a moment of complete silence, then shyly from the head of the stairs: "Mother, Willie found a bedbug!"

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ANOTHER year. Another Christmas. Once more children look up, the very Star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes as they hear the story of the infant Jesus. Once more the parents of little children everywhere pray that there should be peace on earth—for never before in all history, has His lesson been more worthy of repetition. Good will toward men—let every man say it over and over. Let it be instilled in the hearts of those just learning the ways of life. Nor is there any man who can observe Christmas reverently—without doing sacrifice to His name—if that man fails to practice the lesson of "Good will toward men!"

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Agent Says Fall Garden Still Can Be Raised in Area

It's not too late for a vegetable garden in Jones County. That's the word H. C. Stanley Jr., county agent, would like to get around.

If there had been plenty of moisture in the ground in early fall it's not too late for onions, turnips, carrots, beets, lettuce, spinach and cabbage, either in frame gardens or, in the more central and southern parts of the state, in open plots. These vegetables are frost-hardy and will mature before time to plant the spring garden.

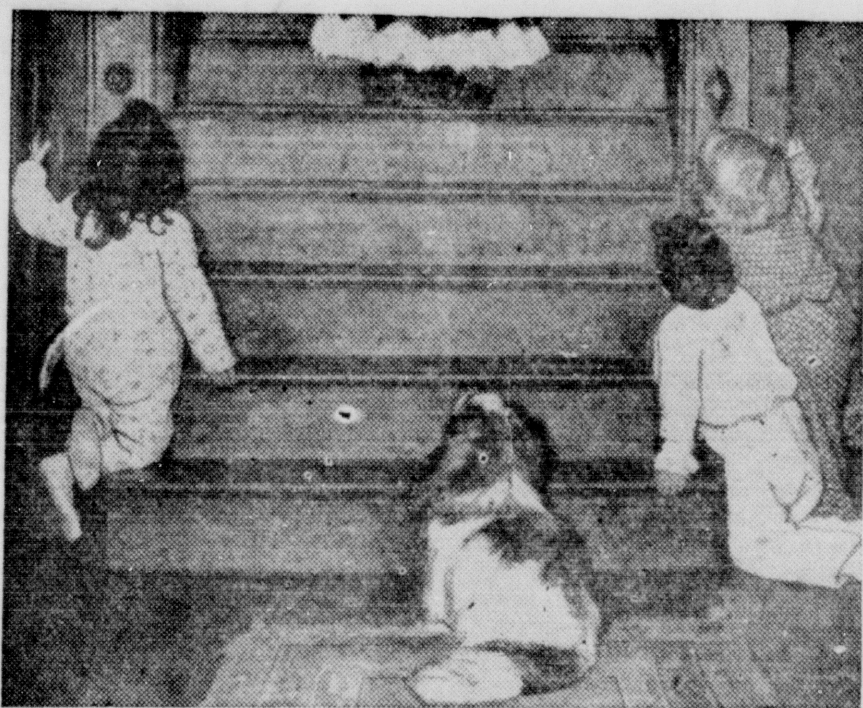
Here are a few suggestions from Stanley for the late fall garden:

Onion plants will mature in 30 to 40 days; onion sets in 45 to 75 days. When the plants reach a height of four to five inches, thin them out until they are three to four inches apart. The thinnings may be transplanted.

Turnips will stand light frosts. The purple top variety is the best choice. Fertilize the soil heavily and plant in rows.

Carrots need a deep seed bed. Loosen the soil to a depth of six to eight inches and sow three or four seeds to the inch. Germination will be quicker if the soil is "firmed" over the seed with the hoe.

Spinach and beet seed have a hard outer shell and germination will be speeded up if the seed is soaked for 24 hours before planting. These plants, as well as lettuce, should be thinned after they have reached a growth of about three inches. Stanley states the best way to judge thinning time for



JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froeschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.

Treating fruit trees in October with paradichlorobenzene or ethylene dichloride for borers will help stop the heavy damage toll that those insects take in fruit orchards in Texas each year.

Lettuce is to wait until the third pair of true leaves has formed. Lettuce thrives best in soil that is well drained.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

Competition in commerce, deceit in councils, dishonor in nations, dishonesty in trusts, begin with "Who shall be greatest?"—Mary B. Eddy.

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Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

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If your business keeps you so busy that you have no time for anything else, there must be something wrong with you or your business.—William J. H. Boetcker.

Insurance Minded.

An insurance man says his company recently took on a new office boy who is a wonder. A man came into the office the other day and asked, "Can you insure my immortal soul?"

"I don't know," the kid replied, "but if you'll wait a minute I'll ask the manager of the fire department."

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Merry Christmas



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TO ALL MY FRIENDS

A Merry Christmas

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy . . . may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you . . . to bring you Yuletide music . . . and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

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REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment. They called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.

Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "Poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone.

She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3½ flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed shakily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?"

"Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs."

POT-SHOTS FROM McCauley

By GEORGE DARDEN

Merry Christmas folks, we may not get around with Xmas cards so please accept this as a personal Christmas greeting to all of our readers. 1947 has been a trying year for a lot of us. Many things have happened and some have not been so pleasant but after all is said and done we should be very thankful to be living and the people as a whole of our great country have been blessed more ways than one. Yes, we have lost a few dear friends in 1947, others have been ill and in hospitals, and ye old scribe and family had a very close call back in April but we are still around and glad of it. We sincerely hope that 1948 will be a happy one for you and yours.—Sincerely yours, George.

Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron Jr. from Shreveport, Louisiana are visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron in Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. George Darden in McCauley over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallaway Jr. and son from Ralls are visiting parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Gallaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Clifton from Imperial will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Rector, during the holidays.

A Christmas party honoring the

members of the McCauley Eastern Star lodge and their families was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Herbst, last Tuesday night. Xmas packages were exchanged and games of 42 and bingo were played after which a lovely refreshment consisting of pumpkin pie with whipped cream and hot chocolate was served to the group.

Honoring the McCauley High School senior class a Christmas party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Webb last Friday night. After an enjoyable evening of games and exchanging of gifts from the Xmas tree refreshments of pop corn, Christmas candy and soda pop were served.

Mrs. M. A. Connell of Lubbock sends in her check for \$10 for the McCauley Cemetery Fund. Connell is a sister of Mrs. W. B. Mayo of this community.

McCauley jail house which has stood for so many years on the alley between Rector's Store and the post office will soon be moved to the McCauley Cemetery for a tool house. George West has contracted to move same and run a concrete floor. Public subscriptions from the McCauley merchants made possible the erection of the "Calaboose" many years ago and in recent years the "jug" has been used for the night

watchman to stay in on winter nights. And folks, it takes money to keep up the cemetery, so please send in your contributions to this scribe.

Just a few more days and the moving vans begin to move in our community. At least 12 families in the neighborhood will pass up and get moving and we "bet you" that those who don't have to move the first don't envy those of us who have to get going.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Darden last were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pickron of Hamlin, Lt. and Mrs. Bill Pickron of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houghton and daughter and S. E. Miers of McCauley and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Darden and daughter of Girard.

Dropped in The Herald office last week and met the new editor and wife, and got a notion that the Hamlin folks and readers of The Herald are going to like them. In our rounds we have always found that the way to be liked is to like folks. So crop around The Herald and make yourself known to the folks.

Maybe we will have a lot of news items after the holidays, but this week we have been too busy looking for Santa to know what the other fellow is doing. So once again, neighbor, a Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year!

Make the Notes Fly

Dimitri Mitropoulos was rehearsing his symphony. He came to a rather quiet place. The oboe player came out with a very loud, discordant note. Mitropoulos stopped the rehearsal and went over it again. When they came to that point, the oboe player did the same thing.

Mitropoulos threw up his hands and started over again. The third time it happened. Mitropoulos threw up his hands again and said to the oboe player, "What in the world is the matter with you?"

The oboe player looked at his music over his glasses and said, "Ach! I've been playing a fly!"

Dear Santa:

I love you very much. Please bring my little sister a doll and doll buggy and I want a bicycle, an air gun and a wagon.

Carl Max Weaver

S-Sgt. Howard Crow of British Guinea and Horace Crow from Manhattan, Kansas, are here spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crow.



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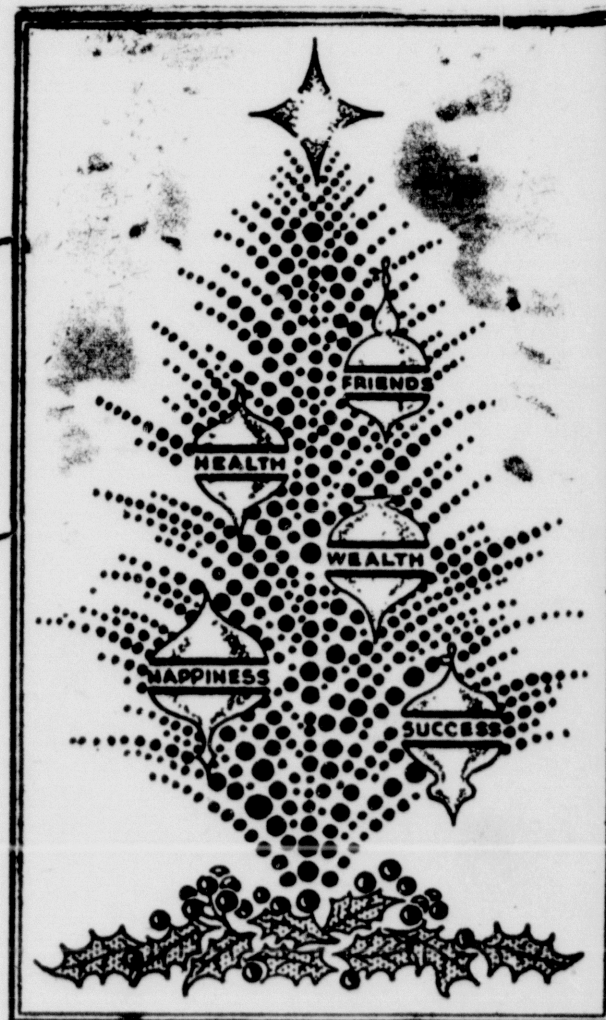
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It may have been through your patronage... it may have been a kind word of cheer... or it may have been an expression in our behalf to some friend of yours... but, in whatever way you may have favored us, we are thankful.

It is our hope that each of you may receive the blessings of a joyous Yuletide Season.



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Must Stand in Line Again.
A retailer, annoyed because he had to wait several months for a large order, wired the manufacturer: "Cancel our order immediately." "Regret cannot cancel immediately. You must take your turn."

He is happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.—Goethe.



In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year... and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

Farmers Cooperative Gin

Nienda, Texas

The Messiah Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

Hard on Shins, Too.

Of all the surprises, there's nothing to compare With treading the darkness on a step that isn't there.

Slight Gain in Cotton Price Marked Up Last Week as Crop Estimate Given

Prices for cotton advanced again during the week and gained about \$1.75 a bale according to the Department of Agriculture's weekly release to The Herald. Farmer were reported to be selling a little less freely. Offerings of the lower grades increased. Mills continued to buy cotton, but in less volume than for last week. Cotton production for 1947 was estimated at 11,694,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight by the Crop Reporting Board. Ginnings through November totaled 10,056,000 bales.

Cotton ginned from this year's crop is higher in grade but shorter in staple than for last year. Picking was retarded by rains and wet fields in most sections of the belt.

Prices for middling 15-16 inch cotton in the 10 spot markets averaged 36.04 cents per pound on Thursday, December 11, as compared with 35.70 cents a week earlier and 32.97 cents on the corresponding Thursday a year ago. The average price for the week ended Wednesday was 35.85 cents per pound as compared with 35.64 cents for the previous week.

Prices were strong throughout most of the week but declined a little on Thursday. The principal gains were on Monday and Tuesday following the release of the crop forecast. The "basis" remained firm throughout most of the belt.

Prices for textiles continued firm to higher. Increases averaging over 10 per cent in prices for rayon and covering all categories were announced by one of the principal producers of rayon. It was expected in trade circles that others would also soon announce higher prices.

Indicated supply of upland cotton for the current season is about 13,777,000 bales, consisting of 3,389,000 bales in the carry-over August 1, and an indicated production of 11,388,000 running bales. This indicated supply for this season is 12 per cent less than the 15,680,000 bales for 1946-47.

Cotton ginned through November 30 totaled 10,056,000 bales, according to the Bureau of the Census. This was 88 per cent of the indicated production. Cotton ginned through November this year averaged higher in grade but shorter in staple than during this same period last year. The supply of upland cotton for this season will contain about the same number of bales of middling cotton, much larger vol-

umes of strict middling, good middling and good middling spotted cotton and much smaller quantities of most other grades. With respect to staple the supply for this year will contain somewhat larger amounts of 31-32 inch through 1 1-32 inch and smaller quantities of all other lengths. The supply of 1 3-32 inch and longer is expected to be considerably less than for last season.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;

To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear,

"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn,"

A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



Dr. House and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith attended the Christmas Pageant in Albany Friday night.

Holly Now Crown In Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormone-like substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.

Self Protection.

A small, nervous fellow walked into the grocery store.

"I want all the rotten eggs you have," he demanded.

"What do you want with stale eggs?" asked the clerk. "Are you going to hear Savage speak at the contest tonight?"

"S-sh-sh," hissed the buyer, nervously. "I'm Savage."

Loss Was Expected Soon.

Smitty—"Sorry, old man, to hear about your wife running away with that butler."

Jones—"Oh, that's all right. I was going to fire him anyway."

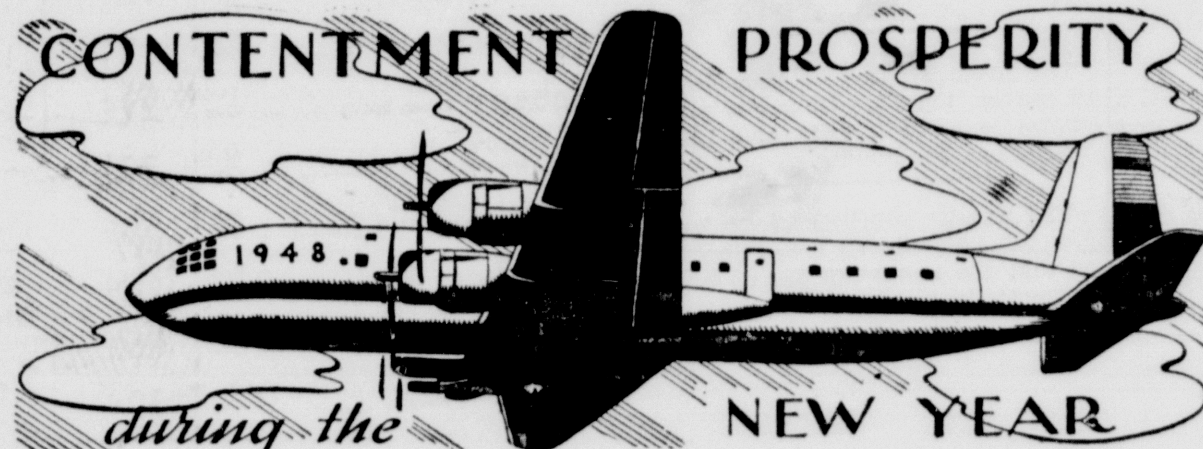
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Forgy visited his brother, M. H. Forgy, in Spurs Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones in Dickens.

Green Adair, who is a student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, is home for the Christmas holidays.



And when the day is gone Our wishes for our friends Continue on and on and on!

Vogue Beauty Shop



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Time flies! It seems but yesterday since we wished you a

Happy New Year

and here we are again repeating the time-honored greeting.

It has been a good year for us. To the customers we have been privileged to serve in 1947 we express our deep appreciation, together with our assurance of continued friendly service in the days to come. May every member of this community pursue his or her happiness during 1948 amid peace and plenty!

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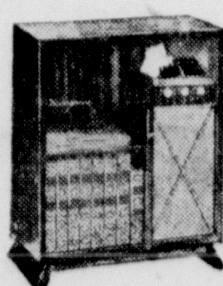
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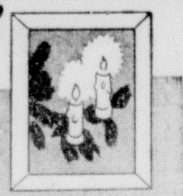
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HAMLIN, TEXAS

Story of the Tree



We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamored with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

The Texas Unit Corporation has post-war plans for a new type of steam-propelled automobile to be known as the Texas.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

Pennies are legal tender only up to 25 cents. Therefore, a creditor cannot be forced to accept more than 25 pennies in payment of a debt.

The average speed of propellers in use on today's commercial airplanes is between 1,600 and 1,850 revolutions per minute.

The aquatic whirligig beetle has only two eyes but they are so directed that the insect can see up and down at the same time.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Alaska, including the Aleutian Islands, was purchased by the United States from Russia in 1867, for \$7,200,000.

One implement dealer makes the forecast that within three years every farmer in Western Oklahoma who has 50 acres or more of cotton will have a stripper. He may be too optimistic, but the use of strippers appears likely to expand rapidly in the next few years.—Oklahoma Experiment Station.

The Goodyear Zeppelin dock at Akron is so large (55,000,000 cubic feet) that sudden changes of temperature cause clouds to form inside the hangar, and rain falls even though it may be a clear day outside.

In all ranks of life the human heart yearns for the beautiful; and the beautiful things that God makes are His gift to all alike.—H. B. Stowe.

Forty per cent more persons were killed in automobile accidents on Saturdays in 1946 than an average day during the year. Drive carefully and Saturdays—and every day!

Patience is not passive; on the contrary it is active; it is concentrated strength.—Bulwer-Lytton.

The only cannibal Indians in America lived in Texas. They were the Karankawas Tribe.

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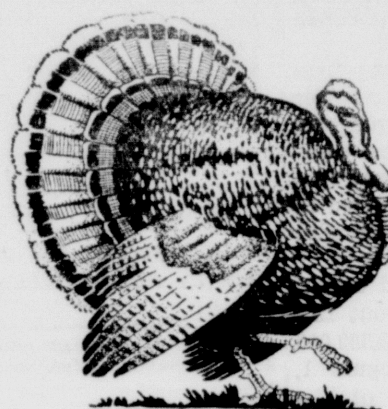
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Pecans	Large Papershell Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	49¢
Mincemeat	Little Cook	9-Oz. Pkg.	17¢
Pitted Dates	Dromedary	7 1/4-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Pumpkin	Moonbeam	No. 2 1/2 Can	13¢
Pie Spice	Schillings' Pumpkin	2-Oz. Can	14¢
Seasoning	Schillings' Poultry	2 1/2-Oz. Can	15¢
Rubbed Sage	Schillings'	2-Oz. Can	18¢
Apple Sauce	Matt's	No. 2 Can	17¢
Cranberry	Sauce Ocean Spray	16-Oz. Can	21¢
Juice	Libby's Pineapple	46-Oz. Can	39¢
Cocktail	Hostess Delight Fruit	No. 2 1/2 Can	39¢
Candy Bars	Solo Cub	3 Reg. Bars	10¢
Cherries	Crystal Red Sour, Pitted	No. 2 Can	25¢
Pears	Highway Bartlett, Halves	No. 2 1/2 Can	37¢

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Peaches	Castle Crest Choice Quality	No. 2 1/2 Can 29¢
Tomato Soup	Campbell's	2 10-Oz. Cans 19¢
Beets	Libby's Cut, Red	No. 2 Can 12¢
Corn	Highway, Whole Kernel Golden	12-Oz. Can 17¢
Tomatoes	Gardenside Standard	No. 2 1/2 Can 23¢
Peas	Green Giant Large, Tender	No. 303 Can 19¢
Pimientos	Tru-Tex	7 1/4-Oz. Can 15¢
Spinach	Emerald Bay Fancy Quality	No. 2 Can 14¢
Ketchup	Heinz Tomato	14-Oz. Bot. 25¢
Cheese	Dutch Mill American	1/2-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
Cake Flour	Snoosheen	2 1/4-Lb. Pkg. 37¢
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Pascal Celery	California Crisp, Tender	Lb.	9¢
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Texas Tangerines	Easy to Peel	Lb.	14¢
California Avocados	Large 30 Size	Each	19¢
Red Emperor Grapes	California	Lb.	14¢
Idaho Russet Potatoes	Standard	10-Lb. Bag	53¢
Sweet Potatoes	East Texas Yams	Lb.	8¢
California Iceberg Lettuce		Lb.	12¢

Guaranteed Meats

HENS, Dressed, pound		49¢
Fryers	Trophy, Dressed & Drawn Ready for the Skillet	Lb. 65¢
Loin Roast	Fresh Pork Loin End	Lb. 53¢
Fresh Oysters	Large Choice Eastern Select	Pint Can 89¢
Center Cut Pork Chops		Lb. 59¢
Fresh Pork Roast	Boston Butts	Lb. 55¢
Sliced Boiled Ham		Lb. 98¢
Skinless Wieners	No Waste	Lb. 39¢
Sliced Liver Cheese		Lb. 49¢
Assorted Lunch Loaves		Lb. 45¢
Cooked Salami	Sliced, Ready to Serve	Lb. 49¢

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It'll Do It Every Time.
Jerk—"What happens when a body is immersed in water?"
Jenks—"The phone rings."
Got Him at a Raffle.
Bald millionaire to his new bride: "I do wish you'd stop referring to me as the 'jackpot'."

A light breeze has a velocity of 13 miles per hour; a strong breeze, 34 miles; a strong gale, 56 miles; a storm, 75 miles, and a hurricane, 90 or more miles per hour.

Grateful for Survival.

In a tight-fisted congregation the hat was passed around one Sunday and returned absolutely empty. The pastor cast his eyes heavenward and said reverently:
"I thank Thee, oh Lord, that I got my hat back."

The great sand dunes of the Sahara frequently attain a height of 600 feet and under constant pressure of the winds, move forward at a rate of 60 to 70 feet a year.

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.
Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Production Costs Must Be Cut.

For Georgia farmers to continue to grow cotton, it is mandatory that they reduce the cost of production. The mechanization trend seems to be the most definite solution.—C. C. Miller, Georgia Extension Service.

A tommyhawk is what if you go to sleep and wake without hair, there is an Indian with.

Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellyed, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

A Hobbled Crow?

Wife (to drunken husband)—"I suppose you expect me to believe that you came right home from the office?"

Husband—"Sure did (hic), straight as the crow flies."

Wife—"So I see. Stopping frequently for a little corn."

Presence of flea hoppers in cotton can be detected by looking for mall, blackened, dead squares, less than a fourth of an inch in size.



Surrounded by myth by primitive peoples, the mistletoe was taken over by Christians who also wove fanciful legends around it.

In ancient mythology, the mistletoe was the instrument of evil. The Druids of Britain believed the plant possessed healing powers. Other primitive people thought that mistletoe found growing on oaks had magical powers.

Taken over into Christian tradition, the mistletoe was dedicated to the Christ Child. Adopted as symbolical of the healing power of our Lord, it was used to adorn the altars at Christmas. Monks of the monasteries called it the "wood of the cross" and attributed supernatural powers to it. The white berries were said to reflect the radiance caught from the guiding star when the Wise Men were led to the manger.



This Merry Christmas is to you.

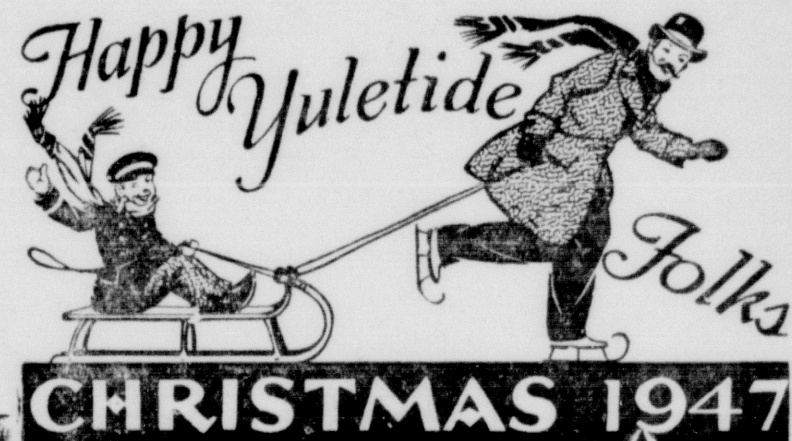
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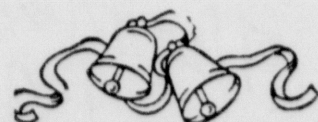
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A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

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Christmas With the Pioneers • Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitude, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOM-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the carolling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But with all these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.



From Our Early Files

10 Years Ago

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue made a business trip and pleasure trip to Dallas, the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Heard of Fort Worth, came up to spend the Christmas holidays with the home folks. Mrs. Heard is the former Miss Hattie Jo Bryson.

Mrs. Vera Nobles and Miss Mary Margaret of Lubbock came in Wednesday to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pardue and little daughter, Nancy, are in Austin, spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bowman are sending a nice Christmas gift, The Hamlin Herald, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Harris in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Toler and little daughter, Suzanna, of Austin, arrived in Hamlin, Wednesday, to spend the holidays in the home of

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue.

25 Years Ago

Mrs. J. H. Vacey returned Wednesday from an 18-day visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bridges in Littlefield, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Stewart, the Battery Man, are very happy over the arrival of a little son at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lake and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Johnson of Murphy are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adkins.

Mrs. Lacy who teaches at West Chapel left Monday night to go to her home in Fort Worth, to spend the holidays.

Misses Lora and Ethel Waincott carried Mrs. Rees and Miss Gladys Waincott to the station to catch the train to go to Stamford to attend the Teachers Institute, this week.



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Hamlin, Texas

Nearly one dollar's worth of electricity is consumed in swinging open the gaint doors of the air-ship dock housing the U. S. S. Akron.

Peace is the proper result of the Christian temper. It is the great kindness which our religion doth us, that it brings us to a settlement of mind, and a consistency within ourselves.—Bishop Patrick.

Everyone is looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere... in France, in Holland, in Sweden... and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

Limit Cafe

Loy Fry

Older by Far.
Teacher—"Why does a man's hair turn gray quicker than his mustache?"
Jimmy—"Cause it had a 20-year start."

Plenty of Reason for It.
He—"I've never seen such dreamy eyes before."
She—"You never stayed so late before!"

When the outlook is not good, try the uplook.—Thomas Carlyle

Makes Her Hopping Mad.

First Wife—"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"
Second Wife—"No, and it's terribly exasperating. He merely grins."

The shrike, or butcher bird, impales its victims on a thorn or fence barb before eating it.

Arizona was the forty-eighth and last state admitted to the union. The date: February 14, 1912.



Starry Night

Oh! Holy Night! The tapering church spire watches over the village, inspiring peace and good will. Enjoy Christmas music at your church this year.

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Mrs. Lucille Carpenter



The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Cottonseed Moves to Mills at Steady Rate As Prices Hold Up

Cottonseed movement to crushing mills increased in Texas and Oklahoma during the week, according to the certificates received by the U. Department of Agriculture's weekly report to The Herald.

Generally good weather for harvesting during the first part of last week and the preceding week allowed gins to operate at a rapid rate.

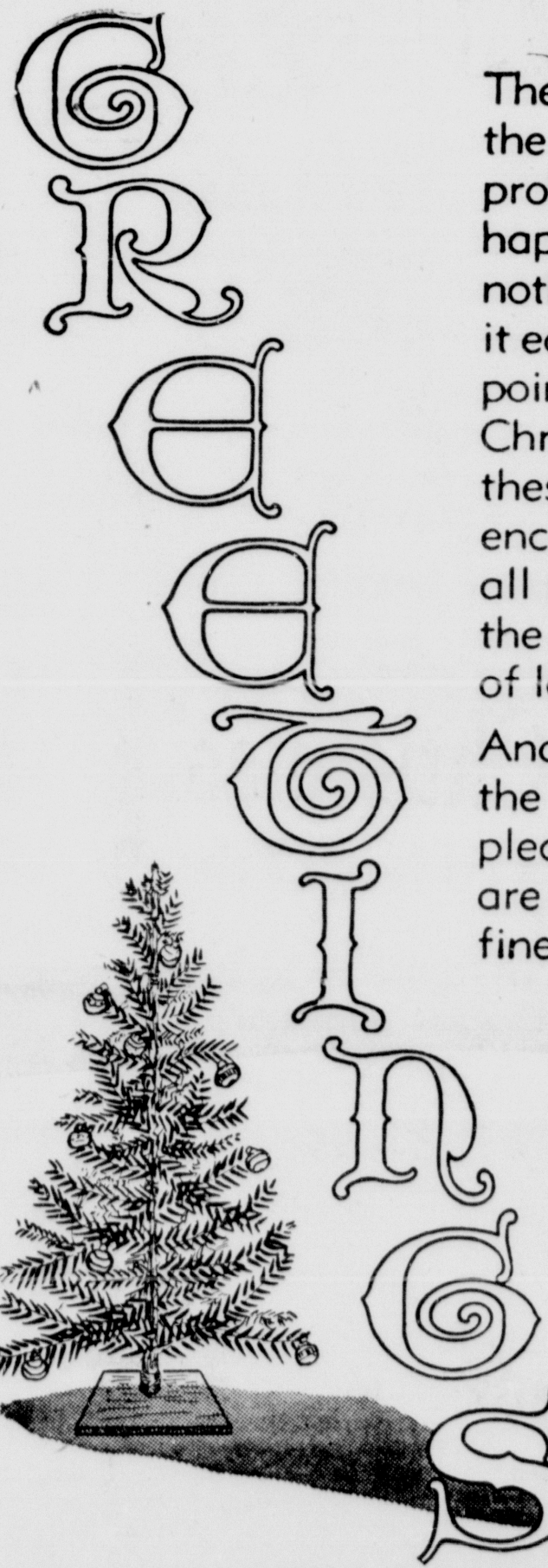
Prices in Texas for wagon lot seed 1. o. b. gins advanced \$2.40 per ton during the week. Average price for the state was \$102.10 per ton as compared with \$99.70 last week. Texas prices ranged from \$95 to \$110 per ton, the highest being in the South Plains area.

Cottonseed grades average 104 in Texas, which was the same as last week. In Texas several quality discounts were made for excess foreign matter.

Prices for cottonseed oil and other vegetable oils have declined recently. The decline reflects the reluctance of consumers to follow the higher prices and the uncertainty of developments with respect to exports of oils and fats. Market activity probably will continue slow until after the holiday.

Elma Ree Brawer, from the Shannan School of Nursing, San Angelo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brewer, during the holidays.

S. W. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Ray Ingham, Mrs. Mart Farrow, Rita Rimmer are having their sons in Monteray, Mexico and during they will visit in the Mrs. Gilbert says she will bring girls out of trouble. La-Willingham will join the take care of them all.



There comes a time of the year when all the problems and unpleasant happenings fade into nothingness, when we find it easy to forget the disappointments of the past. Christmas overshadows these unhappy experiences and we see before us all the fine things of life, the courtesies and favors of loyal friends.

And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

The Merriest of All Christmases to You!

CITY DRUG STORE

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RUTH HARRISON

MILDRED KIRSHNER
JUANITA HARWELL

New Experiments Find Poison for All Cotton Pests

Boll weevils and every other cotton pest are doomed—if experiments by the Department of Agriculture pan out like it thinks they will.

Jones County cotton raisers and others are interested in experiments that are being made.

Benzene hexachloride, mixed with hexachloride, mixed with DDT, gave "outstanding control of heavy infestation" of practically every known cotton pest in experiments at Waco, the Bureau of Entomology reported Monday.

Its new mixture, five per cent DDT combined with benzene hexachloride containing three per cent gamma isomer, killed boll weevils, pink boll worms, cotton aphids, leaf worms, flea hoppers, tarnished and

A smart practice for the poultryman is raising at least 25 more pullets than he intends to house, so he can cull the poor birds.

According to law, a cooperative marketing or buying association may be formed by five or more persons engaged in the production of agricultural products.

rapid plant bugs, thrips, loopers, stink bugs, webworms and Army worms, the bureau said.

"These benzene hexachloride mixtures gave a much quicker kill of the boll weevil and longer protection against the cotton leaf worm than did calcium arsenate (the standard boll weevil poison), the bureau stated.

It reported that another new poison, chlorinated camphene, "gave promising results" against practically all types of cotton insects in laboratory experiments, adding that fields treated with it produced 46 per cent more cotton than those treated with calcium arsenate.

BOYCE HOUSE "Gives You Texas"

It has been eight years since your columnist went to Hollywood to help a little in the making of "Boom Town"—but, like Irvin S. Cobb concerning his operation, I like to talk about it. Recently, the film was re-issued and has been going the rounds again.

One night, in Austin, attended a motion picture in technicolor, showing the twinkling lights of Hollywood seen from a height. Next day, I received a telegram asking me to come out and be technical advisor on "Boom Town,"—and two nights after seeing the twinkling lights of Hollywood in a movie, I was looking at those lights myself.

At the first story conference, which was a get-acquainted affair, Sam Zimbalist, the producer, said, "We are going to spend a million dollars"—this was when a million dollars was some money—"to make this picture; we want you to feel that it is your picture and if you have any ideas, it doesn't matter what they are, don't hesitate to speak at any time."

My friends will not need the assurance that I did not hesitate to speak.

However, I had a dilemma at the very next session, which was when we got down to discussing the story. Zimbalist said, "We will suppose that a well comes in, making 50,000 gallons of oil a day." I didn't know whether I was supposed to be one of those Hollywood "yes men" I'd heard about and nod my head in agreement or point out that, in oil circles, the production of a well is expressed in "barrels" not "gallons."

I decided if I was going to take their money, I ought to try to learn it by keeping the expressions technically correct, so I remarked that an oil man would speak of such a producer as about a thousand-barrel well (a barrel is, of course, 42 gallons). Zimbalist said, "All right" and went on.

It was several years later that John Lee Mahin, the principal writer on the script, visited Fort Worth and he told me that Zimbalist knew very well what the correct term was; he had had wanted to see if I knew.

My contract with Metro Goldwyn Meyer was for a minimum of two weeks and I figured that that would be the maximum, too, because they'd find out how little I knew by that time. Instead, I was there four months until all the writing had been completed. I was there so long I got scared I'd lose my Texas citizenship.

At the first story conference, I happened to mention that I noticed

THE WORLD AT YOUR DOOR — Jim Hulley



August 1 Extension Given On Lapsed Service Insurance

Deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance under liberal regulations now in effect has been extended through next July, the Veterans Administration announced today.

Veterans can reinstate on this liberal basis providing their health is as it was at the time insurance lapsed, and pay two monthly premiums to restore their insurance protection. One premium is for the month of lapse and the other is for the month of reinstatement.

After next July, veterans will have to take physical examinations before their policies can be reinstated. Many of them may not be insurable, VA said.

Robert W. Elison, West Texas Veterans Administration Regional Manager said the extension probably will accelerate the trend of

ed a world's champion was going to fight in Los Angeles next night—so an hour afterward, the secretary of Producer Jack Conway phoned me that if I would call at the box office of the fight club there would be two ringside seats for me.

Sure enough, there were — \$6.60 apiece was what they cost the generous Conway. I had two tickets to a world's championship bout—and didn't know a soul in the city. Looking around, I noticed a well-dressed man own to one side, so I said, "I'll be glad to give you a ticket to the fight." He didn't even grunt—just turned and walked off.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was formerly, or frummenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frummenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

Massachusetts is an Indian name meaning "at the Great (Blue) Hills."

reinstatements which have been mounting in this area all year. Since last February he reported more than 7,000 West Texas World War II veterans have reinstated policies worth more than 45 million dollars. Sisson urged all ex-GI's to take advantage of the liberal terms offered in reinstating their National Service Life Insurance.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

A bumper crop of 75,500,000 bushels is expected from U. S. rice growers this year. Such a crop would exceed last year's record crop 4 million bushels.

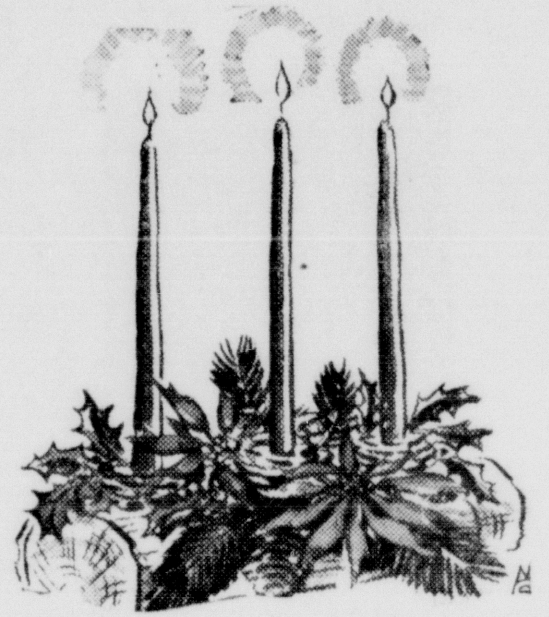
Tired of It All.

A big shot was reading a prepared speech at a convention of industrial tycoons. Toward the end of his speech he swung dramatically toward his climax as follows:

"The American business man is tired. When the war approached there were many problems that caused him much worry. Then all through the war he worked under countless handicaps and terrific pressure. And now, during the post-war period of adjustments, the many confusions and delays have created more strain and fatigue. Yet, the business man is tired. He is physically and mentally tired... but he isn't nearly so tired as the girls who have to type all this eye-wash!"

A great amount of time is consumed in talking nothing, doing nothing and indecision as to what one should do.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Approximately 75 per cent of the farm homes in the U. S. are without running water.



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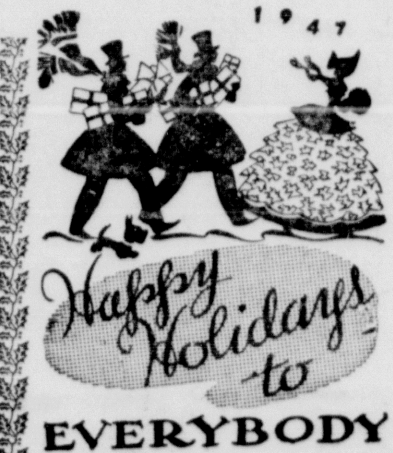
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From desert to sea, from earth to heaven, the spirit of Christmas encircles the world. To each and everyone of you—we wish all the joys and happiness Christmastide brings. To all our patrons, we thank you sincerely...

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Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

A new distribution of congressional districts is made every 10 years, after each federal census is taken.

Associated With Many Christmas Symbols



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

“Let us call our village also Bethlehem,” he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.



Candles, placed in windows on Christmas Eve to light the Christ Child and to welcome wayfarers, have been popular for centuries, but the burning of Bayberry candles is a strictly North American custom which dates from colonial days. Though associated particularly with New England, these aromatic candles glow in windows from coast to coast.

Waiting for the Fireworks.

“The people in our part of town are watching the results of a very interesting conflict.”

“What is it?”

“An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor.”

Noel Wishbone

A traditional good luck piece, chicken wishbones make an attractive addition to the Christmas present. Wash them dry and then paint them any color you like. Fasten one to the top of every Christmas gift to add an extra note of sentiment when wrapping packages for Yuletide giving.

The state of Kansas received its name from an Indian tribe called the Kansas—meaning “People of the South Wind.”

CHRISTMAS ODDS AND ENDS

Norwegian farmers give their cattle tubs of home-brewed ale on Christmas Eve.

At midnight of Christmas Eve people in Madrid eat 12 grapes for good luck in the coming year.

There are 175 different kinds of holly.

Christmas has been celebrated on more than 100 different days in various parts of the world.

Christopher Columbus and his men landed on the coast of Cuba on December 25, 1492, naming the point Navidad.

George Washington crossed the Delaware and made a successful attack on the Hessian troops at Trenton, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1776.

Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers abolished Christmas Day in England, banning all feasting and fun. The ban lasted for seven years and was lifted when Charles II became king.

The needy are considered in Hungary at Christmastime, a levy being assessed against richer citizens so the poor may have sufficient to eat and drink.

Wearing Hip Boots?

Waitress—“May I help you with your soup, sir?”

Frank—“How do you mean, help me? I don’t need any help.”

Waitress—“Oh, I beg your pardon. From the sounds you were making I thought you probably wanted to be dragged ashore.”

Mose was brought up for the fourth speeding offense. He muttered under his breath something that sounded a lot like an oath.

“Repeat that!” snapped the judge. “An says, God am de judge, God am de judge!”

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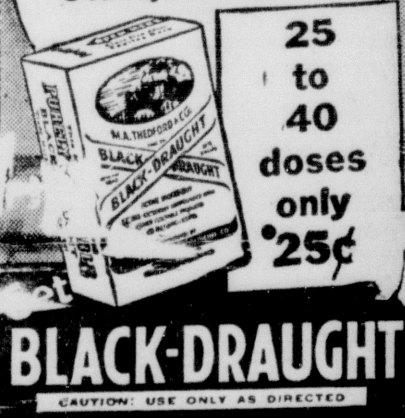
Unfortunate

Jim—“Say, Bill, what’s making you so angry?”

Bill—“Nothing much. I cut myself with a safety razor, burned myself with a safety match, and nearly got run over while reading a ‘Safety First’ notice.”

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In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It’s natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

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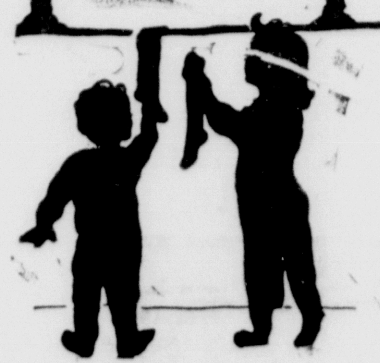
Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

“ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN.”

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Farmers Cautioned About Putting Eggs into Farm and Ranch Land

A farm operator who buys land for it with the production of one or two seasons is the exception rather than the rule. Such are more than likely the result of the prices for the crops, price of land is climbing along, too.

Those who are wondering whether their savings into farm or ranch land at today's high prices are a good investment, a recent analysis of the land market during four distinct periods—postwar, depression, recovery and the war—shows that farm income is the main factor determining prices. Prospective buyers are wise to watch the trends of the principal commodities that provide the farm income, as these prices tend to lead the land market by a year or more.

In some areas, a single important commodity sets the pace, as peanuts in the West Cross Timbers, while in other areas, a combination of enterprises influences land prices. Beef cattle, rice and cotton along the Gulf Coast, for instance, or cattle, sheep and goats in the Edwards Plateau, must be considered in calculations for these areas.

Government price and export programs may also alter land prices, and buyers might take into consideration that five of Texas' most important farm commodities—cotton, corn, wheat, rice and peanuts for nuts—are covered by price guarantees at 90 per cent of parity or more through 1948.

The status of mineral rights is among other items reflected in the market values of Texas land. Separate ownership of mineral rights lowered surface values by more than



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

- Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.
- Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.
- Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.
- Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.
- Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

one-half in Smith county, where a special study has been made. Where various fractions of the mineral rights were reserved, farm tracts changed hands at various prices ranging between these two extremes.

Land prices have already reached "boom" proportions in some sections of the state, particularly in grazing areas, but some of the usual characteristics of a boom are lacking in the present market. One of the bright spots right now is the high percentage of cash transactions and accompanying low volume of mortgage indebtedness.

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Accomplish Same Purpose.

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinese placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave and cynically asked:

"What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat rice?" The Chinese replied with a smile, "Same time your friend come up to smell flowers."

What Would He Do?

Hubby—"Have you ever wondered what you would do if you had Rockefeller's income?"

Wife—"No, but I have often wondered what Rockefeller would do if he had mine."

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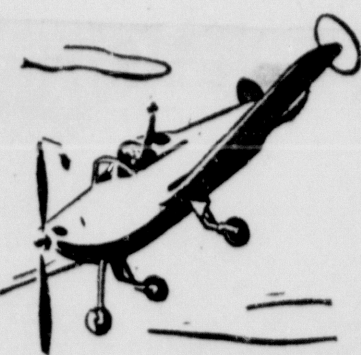
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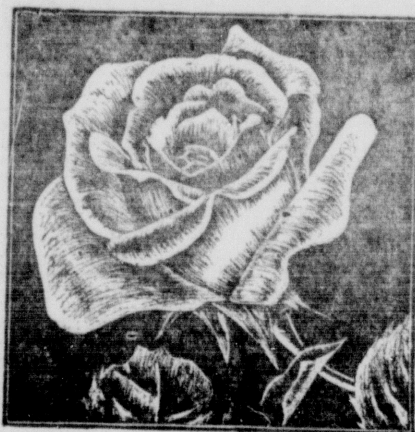


TAKE A HOP — SEE HAMLIN FROM THE AIR! LONE STAR AVIATION SCHOOL

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Hamlin Municipal Airport Hamlin, Texas

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

Explanation for the Simple.

It wouldn't be wise to count the small farmer out too early when the machine takes over in cotton production. He has demonstrated his resourcefulness many times in the past. Often he can get by and make a living when the big farmers are going busted. The small farmer will make it.—Louisiana Extension Service.

Although covered with snow, parts of the polar regions are as arid as the Sahara Desert, having an annual rainfall of less than 10 inches.

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Thank you,
De Netta Jean McCracken

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a good size roller coaster wagon candy and nuts, a M Farmall tractor and tools. I am five years old and have been a good little boy. Don't forget my little cousin Barbara Ann.

Thanks,
Clyde Willson Hodnett

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a train, a typewriter and a fire truck and a cowboy an ice truck, a drum, a cash register.

My sister wants a doll and some candy.

Your friend,
Larry Sarrett,
Route 3, Hamlin

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. I want a bicycle for Christmas. You have been very nice to me.

Love,
Mary Jo Hubbard

Dear Santa:
I want a doll buggy for Christmas and Billy Charles wants a fire truck for Christmas. Do not forget mother.

Also remember all poor children.
Love,
Saella Jo Goodman.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. My name is Sandy Sue Smith. Will you bring me a little car I can ride in, and a doll with curly hair. I also want a little push car I can ride my dolly in. I'd like to have a set of dishes. Please bring all the little girls and boys something too. I already have my stocking hung up to put candy in. I'll have you some cake under the Christmas tree.

Bye,
Sandy Sue Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of Chappps and two pearl handle guns and a hat. My sister wants a baby doll that has a bottle and clothes.

Travis Stevens.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll dressed like a bride and a music box and also a nurses' kit because you see I want to be a nure when I grow up don't forget all my little cousins. I'm a little girl six years old and I hope to see you Christmas.

Love,
Lynda Karen Dutton.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric train. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Stephen Carmichael.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an army tank and a jumping jeep and a car transport and a snow tractor and a stage car and a fire truck and a wind up train.

I have been very good Santa Claus. If you can't get all of this that is ok. But I do want a train and the fire truck and the car transport and the stage car and army tank.

The army tank cost \$3.19 and the snow tractor costs \$1.39 and the fire truck costs \$2.69 and the car transport costs \$2.29 and the jumping jeep costs 89c and the stage car costs \$2.69 and I don't know what the train will cost.

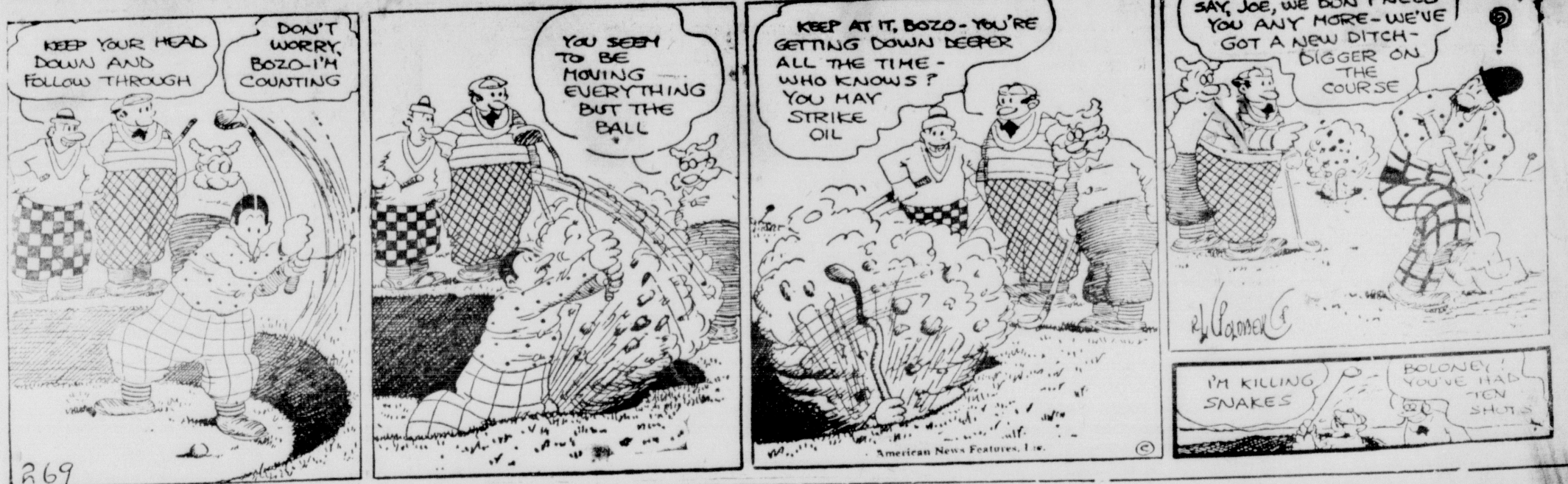
P. S. I love you Santa Claus. Goodbye I have to go to bed now. (Rowland sent pictures of all these toys.)

Loy Fry Jr. is home to spend part of the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Fry Sr. He is employed in Dallas with the Pioneer Air Lines.

Les Cowan, who is attending McMurry College, Abilene, is home for the holidays.

Virgil Bowman and Milton Timms of San Angelo were guests in the R. E. Brewer home Sunday

BOZO BUTTS—THEY DRIVE HIM NUTS



Elegance of language may not be in the power of all of us; but simplicity and straight-forwardness are. Write much as you would speak; speak as you think.—Alford.

In the last few years, U. S. rice growers have harvested an average of 70 million bushels a year.

An old penal code of China provided that a man could obtain a divorce if his wife was too talkative, or if she ignored his parents.

Forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Alaska and the Virgin Islands now have programs in operation under the National School Lunch Act.

Prosperity is too apt to prevent us from examining our conduct; but adversity leads us to think properly of our state, and so is most beneficial to us.—Johnson.

Between 1930 and 1946, inclusive, the highest average weight of cattle slaughtered under federal inspection was 961 pounds in 1941 and the lightest was 939 pounds in 1935.

That Proves It.
"What pretty hair you have, Mary," said the visitor. "You must have gotten it from your mother."
"No," replied little Mary, "I must have gotten it from daddy; his is all gone!"

If a husband's words are sharp, maybe it's from trying to get them in edgewise.

Limit of Her Endurance.
Wife (to husband who had had few drinks too many)—"No, I can forgive you, Archibald. This is the end. If this were the first time would be different, but you came home in the same condition in November, 1918."

Ed Swann of Rotan is working for The Herald this week



Listen to the beautiful melody of the bells. To one and all—they bring good cheer, happiness, health. To the world, they sound the call:—"peace and good will towards men." Go to Church Christmas Day.

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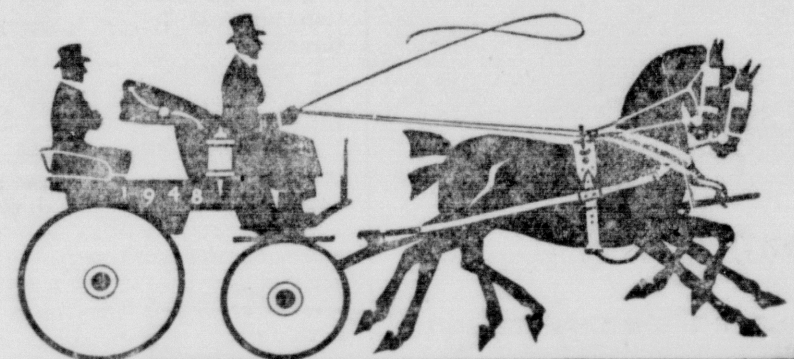
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Merry Christmas



A Happy New Year to All

● At the magic stroke of 12, the New will make its advent, marking the turn of another page in the book of our 1 Lo, there is before us a clean white page of snow-white marble, whereon be recorded the events of the coming year. What shall be written thereon?

● A saga of peace and contentment, of happiness and joy, of health and happiness. That is our wish for you on the threshold of 1948.

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Merry Christmas

... time for us to turn from our daily routines . . . and join good, old St. Nick . . . in wishing a Merry Holiday to all the friends and patrons we've had the privilege of serving in the past
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